



Opening Day

Parish Council Vacancies

Two Councillors Cllr T Cole and Cllr J Middleton have recently resigned due to moving out of the parish. Two new Councillors were subsequently co-opted at the Council Meeting on 19th May 2017. The Council welcomes its new members:



Councillor R Scott



Councillor C Harrison

Ideas for the garden to be sited on the former public toilets plot of land were first discussed by Council Members in November 2015. Since then:

- The budget was agreed and allocated
- The designs for the garden commissioned
- Public consultation on design has been conducted
- The Contract for works tendered and awarded
- and on 31st January 2017 Groundwork (Crestra Ltd) commenced excavating the site.

The official Opening Day will be on Saturday 29th July 2017 at 10am.

The theme of the feature is to celebrate the community by providing information on the community's heritage; buildings and local industry. Seating areas are important in public places and offer a place to rest for all ages. They provide a stopping point whether it be for lunch, a rest, a place to wait and meet others or simply a place to sit.

The Council hopes that this will be a welcoming space, accessible to all. We hope that all who use the garden enjoy the surroundings.

The Council would like to thank Tesco Bags of Help; Groundwork Creswell Ashfield & Mansfield; Crestra Ltd; MG Building Services; M Kemp Electrical Testing Services, Ripley and Somercotes Local History Society for their assistance and contributions. Acanthus Stone, Somercotes, have kindly donated a stone Name Plaque to be installed in the garden.



Pictured top the new garden is almost finished.



Pictured above is how the site looked before the development.

Pictured left is the concept design of how the garden would look.



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

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

Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost



Letter from your Country Councillor
Dear Resident

Firstly can I thank everyone who supported myself and Steve on the 4th May at the County Council elections. I am pleased to say that we were both re-elected. You will be aware that the County Council is now Conservative controlled with 37 Conservative Councillors, 24 Labour Councillors and 3 Liberal Democrats. It will be different but myself and Steve will work hard to continue to support the whole community.

Currently the council is going to be consulting on the introduction of yellow lines on various junctions and roads around Somercotes where there are particular problems with access and visibility. The consultation will start shortly and will be in the local papers and the Parish Council will be notified as well as notices being installed on the proposed junction's roads.

The crossing outside the Co-Op on Nottingham Road is being upgraded this financial year and Baker Close footways will have been completed by the time you read this. The A38 Bridge on Nottingham Road Nix's Hill is to be resurfaced as well as the Roads on Nix's Hill Industrial Estate.

I am really pleased that the sewage problem on the B600 near to the car wash and Motor Mania has been resolved; in the end I put it into the hands of DCC Public Health to pressure Seven Trent into fixing the leak.

If you need to contact me on any issue relating to DCC please do so on 07713265670 or you can email me on paul.smith@derbyshire.gov.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Smith

Councillor Paul Smith – Deputy leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

Councillors:

Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (Vice-Chairman); Cllr C Addison-Lees; Cllr M Barron; Cllr P Curran-Bilbie; Cllr G Edgson; Cllr J McCabe; Cllr S McCabe; Cllr J Parker; Cllr P Price; Cllr S Walker

Contacting Councillors: all Councillors can be contacted through the Parish Council Office 01773 603810; by email: somercotespc@btconnect.com or by writing to the Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4LY.

Income/Expenditure 2016-17: The Council set the precept at £140,000 (no increase on 2015-16)

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. The Inspection Period commences on 12th June 2017 and ends on 21st July 2017.

The Annual Return, the Declaration (that the Accounting Statements are unaudited) and the Notice for the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights will be published on the Council's website from 7th June 2017.

Parish Council Income and Expenditure for 2016-17

Expenditure:

Admin:	£9966	Salaries:	£80273
Village Hall:	£12554	S137:	£7406
Lighting/Highway:	£25495	Comm. Projects:	£6246
Allotments:	£626	VAT:	£7658
Car Parks:	£4730	Other:	£4274
PW Vehicle:	£777	Newsletter/Calendar:	£1679

Expenditure: £161684

Income:

Precept:	£140000	VAT Reclaim:	£7920
Village Hall:	£12845	Highways/ R of W:	£758
Misc/Grants:	£15400	Bank Int:	£78
Allotments:	£1456	Other:	£6236

Income: £184693

All figures have been rounded up.

The work of Somercotes Parish Council mainly falls into two areas. Firstly our role is to represent, you, on issues affecting the community to District, County, central Government and other agencies. Secondly, we carry out the following work within the parish:

- Keep the parish free of litter and report incidents of fly tipping to the Borough Council
- Manage and maintain the Village Hall
- Manage and maintain the two car parks; Market Place and Mill Yard.
- Provide three allotment sites
- Provide and maintain bus shelters, parish notice boards, grit bins, and seats.
- Maintain street lighting on the Recreation Ground
- Provide horse grazing land (one site)
- Comment on, but not make decision on, all planning applications within the parish.
- Provide and maintain hanging baskets and floral displays
- Maintain the Winding Wheel area and grass verge and the grass verge on B600 (outside B&M Bargains).
- On behalf of the County Council litter pick on public footpaths at Sleetmoor Wood, and the linear path (former Leabrooks Railway) off Swanwick Rd and Crays Hill. Also to provide minor maintenance to other public footpaths.
- Provide Christmas Light displays
- Provide monthly waste facility
- Provide FREE poop scoop bags
- Provide a quarterly Newsletter for residents.
- Make donations to local clubs, groups and organisations in the parish area via our Section 137 Budget provision for grant aid to voluntary bodies for specific projects or items of equipment to continue their operation for the benefit of local people

Chairman's Report:

This report is a summary of the actions and decisions taken by Somercotes Parish Council over the last year. We also report our activities through monthly meetings, agendas and minutes are publicised via our website and Parish notice boards, via our website and quarterly Newsletter. There is a public forum at the start of every Parish Council Meeting, where you are welcome to put forward your views or raise any issues.

Parish Council Matters:

Councillor Syd Grotier sadly passed away in June 2016.

Councillor J Middleton was co-opted as a Council Member.

Council Members and Council staff attended a session on Dementia Friends Awareness.

The Council continued to provide a free Newsletter to 3000 Somercotes residents.

Mill Yard Car Park – was patched and relined and 3 parking bays at the rear of Archway Interiors re-claimed for car park users.

Parish Wardens metal weigh-in for charity - a donation of £150.00 has been made to Macmillan Cancer Care.

The Council agreed to make a financial contribution to a scheme to improve recreational facilities at Pye Bridge.

The Council secured inclusion to a DCC Framework Agreement for hire of the Village Hall.

The Council provided consultation responses in respect of local Planning Applications. In particular Council listened to the views of residents and made representations regarding Application AVA/2017/0211 the development of up to 210 dwellings.

The Parish Council Carol Concert was held on 9th December 2016 and was very well attended. A collection for Derbyshire Air Ambulance raised £294.

The Council met with representatives of the Post Office and raised concerns regarding the re-location from the existing site on Nottingham Road.

Christmas Lighting & Floral Displays:

A new contractor was appointed for the Christmas Lighting displays resulting in a saving to the Council.

The areas of each side of the Winding Wheel are designated as "Wild Flower" meadow and were again Wildflower planted, to produce an effective display, which attracts bees, insects and butterflies.

The Council decided to end the contract for watering of floral displays and the Council Parish Wardens will undertake this work, resulting in a saving to the Council.

Village Hall:

Disabled toilet facility upgraded.

Fire Alarm system upgraded and Fire Door retainers fitted

Community Projects:

The Council allocated funding for the Feature Garden Project and successfully secured part funding from Tesco Bags of Help awards. Works commenced on 31st January 2017.

In conjunction with Somercotes Local History Society (SLHS) a book 'Lest We Forget' was published dedicated to the men of Somercotes and local area who gave their lives during WW1. This project was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Allotments:

The Council has three working Allotments sites at Birchwood Lane, Bridle Lane and Sleetmoor Lane.

The Council supported the planning application for and agreed to part-fund the installation of eco-toilets on Birchwood Lane Allotments.

The Jim Spibey Memorial Shield Allotments Competition was held with some excellent plots for judging. The Children's Competition saw an increase in the number of entrants.

Village Hall Bar :

Village Hall Bar Income & Expenditure 2016-17

Balance b/wd from 2015-16	£5992.07
Income:	£3737.10
Expenditure:	£2471.45
Balance c/wd	£7257.72

Council Meetings:

The Council meets bimonthly on the third Friday of the month ie January, March, May, July, September, November.

The public are welcome to attend and raise any issues.

The Council currently has two vacancies.

Section 1 - Annual governance statement 2016/17

We acknowledge as the members of:

SOMERLOTES PARIST COUNCIL

Enter name of smaller authority here:

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, that:

	Agreed		Yes	No*	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Yes	No						
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
3. We took all reasonable steps to ensure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority on:

19/05/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

16 APCM/2017(6)(1)

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

PJSmm

Clerk:

SE Massey

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 - Accounting statements 2016/17 for

smaller authority here:

SOMERLOTES PARIST COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2016	31 March 2017	
1. Balances brought forward	52986	90007	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	140,440	140,000	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
3. (+) Total other receipts	53767	44,683	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs, rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	80050	80,273	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	Nil	Nil	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
6. (-) All other payments	77,106	81,409	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	90007	11,3018	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	90007	113,018	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6)
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	405778	405778	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - To agree with bank reconciliation.
10. Total borrowings	Nil	Nil	This cell shows the value of all the property the authority owns. It is made up of its fixed assets and long-term investments.
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2017 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:

fclm

Date 12/05/17

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on:

19/05/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

16 APCM/2017(6)(1)

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

PJSmm

1. The statement of accounts for SOMERLOTES PARIST COUNCIL is true and correct and may be audited to the best of our knowledge.

2. Signed by: PJSmm

Signature: fclm

Date: 12 JUNE 2017

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

AAJ 2015 Regulation 15(2)(a)(i)

DECLARATION OF STATUS OF PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.234)



Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group

Thanks to Margaret Brooksbank for this contribution. Contact for Margaret: Tel 01773 604916

Throughout all editions was a regular item headed: Notes, whilst not about the Somercotes area, they did affect everywhere, as most were Government edicts.

Printers BAILEY & SONS produced the SOMERCOTES & ALFRETON ADVERTISER distributed free each week. It was a four page papers mostly local business adverts along with small happenings in the area. The early editions are in their archives at Matlock but five later ones survive from which the following are taken.

March 14th 1947 – The Cellular Clothing Co Ltd Nottingham recently bought the property of the late Mr HENRY MILLER Bookbinder of Quarry Rd. They hope to begin production soon, employing about 40 local girls.

Friday 28th – Grand Dance to be held in Leabrooks Miners Welfare. Music provided by SYD BROUGHTON and his band. MC Mr E T TAYLOR admission 2/-.

Butchers will get no more meat for sausage making after Monday the Food Ministry announced on Tuesday.

The cost of clearing up the snow in the area up to Wednesday was £2000.

April 25th 1947 – Mr W BUCKINGHAM & MR S RILEY are appealing for help in order to revive the Old peoples Tea & gathering. The meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Sleetmoor Lane on the 29th April at 7.30.

A lady assistant is wanted by AUDREY WHARTON Ladies Hairdresser, Nottingham Rd.

For Sale FRANCIS BARNET Lightweight Motor Cycle 98cc excellent condition nearest £45 apply 66 Leamoor Avenue tel 282

July 4th 1947 – Football Stars aged 28 weight 9st 10lb height 5ft 6ins of Leamoor Avenue KENNETH WEIGHTMAN is a natural right winger, starting his career at the age of 16 he has played with Riddings Works, Somercotes Amateurs & Somercotes Athletic. He has served 6 years in the Royal Artillery. Aged 28 weight 13 stone height 5ft 7ins of Leabrooks Road SIDNEY MELLOWS stocky built right half back & one of the veterans of the side. He played for Swanwick Welfare before the War where he served for 6 years in the RASC.

August 22nd 1947 – Football Stars aged 18 5ft 7ins weight 10 stone ALAN STRINGER is the youngest of three brothers in the Somercotes Team. He joined the Leicestershire Regiment and could only play on leave. He was Captain of Riddings Ironworks in his younger days and did not play for long when he returned home. Aged 25 weight 13st 8lb height 5ft 11ins FRANK WHARTON played full back or utility player mainly for Somercotes. He served in the R.E. for 6 years & played Centre Forward in India & Singapore.

September 17th 1948 – EMPIRE CINEMA – Monday & Tuesday International Lady with George Brent & Ilona Massey Wednesday & Thursday Red Stallion with Robert Paige & Ted Donaldson Friday & Saturday When the Bough Breaks with Patricia Roc and Rosamund John Sunday Brazil with Edward Everett Horton all had second films and two houses.

Currys Ltd supplied a weekly programme for Radio Luxembourg – for example – Sunday 5.45 Anne Ziegler & Webster Booth.

The adverts were the same throughout all editions

J WATTS Pianoforte Tuner

J W MILLS Joiner & decorator 105 Somercotes Hill

J E WALKER 23 Birchwood Lane Plumber & Heating Engineer

EMMIE permanent Waving Specialist 108 Leabrooks

GIBSON'S RADIO 9 High St tel 98

J E WOODLAND Florist 61 Nottingham Rd tel 252

FH SHARPE Gents Outfitters 56 Nottingham Rd

Mrs B MILES 45 Quarry Rd Spencer Surgical Corsets, Belts & Bassiers

SELDON'S General Stores 105 Leabrooks

J LEONARD WALLER Photographer Nottingham Rd

The FIVE WAYS MANUFACTURING Co Ltds are now open on Seely Terrace for the manufacture of hosiery

The PREMIER SHOP tobacconist & confectioner

J ABBOT & Co Ltd Coupland Place & Nottingham Rd

BEACH'S for the best bread of all Leabrooks Rd tel 249

G E Brewster Gentlemen's hairdresser 112 Somercotes Hill

Almost all editions ran a serial story in instalments The Knights of the Silver Dagger was one and a complete story in one paper Homicide Handicap (no authors).



HERITAGE DAY & BOOK LAUNCH, Saturday, 23rd September 2017 10am - 4pm at SOMERCOTES VILLAGE HALL, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Exhibitions and Displays by many other Local Societies and Groups

The Book Launch of an Industrial History of Somercotes, including a history of Riddings Ironworks, Mining Industry, Coal & Iron masters, Textiles, Canal and Railways also includes other industries in the area.

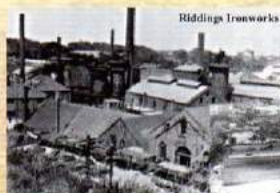
An Industrial Corridor
Through A Community



A Somercotes Local History Society Publication 2017

The information on the Interpretation Board in the Somercotes Feature Garden was provided by Somercotes Local History Society (SLHS). In conjunction with this SLHS have also published a booklet ('An Industrial Corridor Through A Community', the booklet contains a history of Riddings Ironworks, local Mining industry, Coal & Iron Masters, Textiles, Canal and Railways and other industries of the area.

The Booklet will be available to purchase at SHLS Heritage Day on Saturday 23rd September 2017.



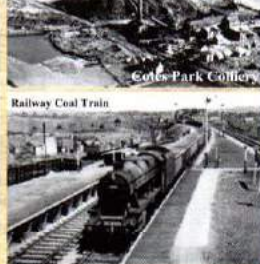
Riddings Ironworks



Aerocex Factory



Members of the Oakes family



Coal-Park Colliery



Railway Coal Train



Coal-Park Industrial Estate



Erewash Canal



Special Exhibition:
Notts & Derby 1939-1945 Living History Group - come and see the Land Army Girls & the History of the period WW I & II.

Please bring along any photographs, letters, documents or anything that will help us retain our heritage for others to enjoy. With your permission, all material, can be copied and returned.



Curry Lounge Restaurant



Fine Indian Dining

Somercotes Parish Council offers a warm welcome to the Curry Lounge, Market Place, Somercotes.

The Curry Lounge, which is situated at the rear of the Council's Market Place Car Park officially opened on Tuesday 25th April 2017. The Mayor of Amber Valley Mr Richard Iliffe conducted the ceremony with the help of Councillor Paul Smith (Somercotes Parish Council Chairman). Some Parish Council Members were among the invited guests.

Ukil and Sham and the most talented Chef Saeed head up the team. Ukil has been in the restaurant business since 1995, having recently owned and managed a business in Manchester. The building, previously owned by Groundwork Toolbox, which had been empty for some time presented an opportunity to open the restaurant in Somercotes. Ukil and Saeed's wealth of experience is evident.

The staff are very smartly dressed and provide a professional service. The decor has a contemporary feel with a purple and white colour scheme with feature chandeliers.

The atmosphere is warm, inviting and relaxing. The restaurant is very spacious.

Ukil and his team are proud that the restaurant uses authentic ingredients for their dishes including their own blends of ground spices. They provide mouth-watering dishes that are true to the cuisine of India.

A great local place to eat, with ample free parking.

Don't forget to take your own alcohol, no corkage charges!

Bring Your Own Alcohol

Opening times

Monday – Sunday

5.30pm – 11pm

Closed Tuesdays (Excluding special occasions)



01773 528 588
07387 300 317

www.currylounge Derby.co.uk
Market Place, Nottingham Road, Somercote,
Derby, DE55 4HT

Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Maybe you're aged 12 or under, or maybe you've got a young relative in that age group – either way, look out for details of this year's 'Summer Reading Challenge'!

Come to your local library this summer & meet the Animal Agents, a whole host of clever creatures, ready to solve all kinds of crimes! With your help this band of furry, slippery and feathered friends can use their skills and natural instincts to solve mysteries – with a huge helping of fun along the way.

To join the daring detectives sign up at your local library, read six library books of your choice and collect the special stickers as you go. It's all free and there will be lots of story times and craft activities to enjoy throughout the summer. A record number of Somercotes children took part in last year's Challenge, & we'd like to do even better this summer!

Jonathan Douglas of the National Literacy Trust said "I'll tell you why the annual Summer Reading Challenge is so important. For some children, that six week summer break from school can really stall reading development. It is not uncommon for a child to "lose" four, five, or even six months' of 'reading age' between the end of one term and the beginning of the next. They need to be exposed to the fun of reading and the joy of books during the long summer holiday!"

The fun begins on Friday 14th July 2017!
Hooked yet? If so, just pop into Somercotes Library to find out more!

Somercotes Library is open:

Monday: 2pm – 5pm
 Thursday: 9am – 1pm | 2pm – 7pm
 Friday: 9am – 1pm | 2pm – 5pm
 Saturday: 9:30am – 1pm

Stephen Manley, Derbyshire County Council
 Somercotes Library,
 Grounds of Somerlea Park Junior School,
 Bank Street, Somercotes, Derbyshire DE55 4JE
 Tel: 01629 533970 or 07505 504 646



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE **THE READING AGENCY**

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Details
Mondays	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre)	No appointment needed	
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	Call into a meeting for more details	
Tuesdays	10.00 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm -9.00 pm In the Lounge	Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	Somercotes Beavers Group for Boys and girls aged 6 to 8	Steve Hewitt	07857845954
	7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	Somercotes Ladies Every Tuesday except 1 st in each month	Eileen Wilkinson	01773 603177
Wednesdays	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Lounge	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends	Just call in	
	1.00 – 3.00 pm In the Lounge	FREE Maths Class Get into Learning (re-commences 14 th September 2016)	Alfreton Adult Education Centre	01773 832201
	5:30 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall	Weight Watchers	Just call in	
	6:45 pm – 7:45 pm In the Hall	Taekwondo Juniors and Adults	Just attend 5 mins before class starts	
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey	07812 837969 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk.
Thursdays	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge	Watercolour Classes All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall	1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies Group for girls aged 7-10 years	Call into a meeting for more details.	
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge	1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows Group for girls aged 5-7 years		
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	Classical Yoga Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	Linda	01773 528264
Fridays	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm In the Hall	Taekwondo Juniors and Adults	Just attend 5 mins before class starts	
	7:30 -8:30 pm In the Hall	Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey dzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07812 837969
Saturdays		None at Present		
Sundays	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	Parish Church of St. Thomas Sunday School Coffee after Church Service	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131

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 8HU
 Tel + Fax: 01773 570976
 Email: info@hearinghelppambervalley.co.uk
 Website: www.hearinghelppambervalley.co.uk

The Hearing Help Clinic will be held in the Lounge of Somercotes Village on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each Month
11:15 am – 12:30pm

A full calendar is available on our website on the clinics page.

www.hearinghelppambervalley.co.uk

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

Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

The Revd. Imogen Black 01773 603793 | Mobile No: 07949304436
Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and Michael Woods 01623 723653

Regular Services:

Sunday: 9:30 am 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 July; 5th August; 2nd September

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

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Weekly

Sunday 10.30am – 11.45am 'The Jam Club' (Sunday School) includes breakfast

Sunday 3.00pm All age Family Worship Followed by refreshments

Monday 2.00pm – 3.00pm Friends and Fellowship -
For the over 50's (except Bank Holiday weeks)

Tuesday 9.30am – 11.00am Care and Share Coffee Morning
(except Bank Holiday weeks).
Sale of new and second hand goods with lots of BARGAINS!

Monthly

Café Church – last Sunday of each month 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Exploring the Christian Faith in a relaxed informal setting.

Craft & Cake - First Friday of the month 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Come and share in fellowship with a cup of tea/coffee and cake. All materials provided to make craft items for various charities or bring your own. A donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of materials/refreshments etc.

The Somercotes Corps are continually appealing for tins and packets of food. These are re-distributed in emergency food parcels for individuals and families suffering severe poverty and distress referred by Social services and other agencies. If you can help in any way this would be greatly appreciated.

BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 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.

Coffee Morning – 2nd Wednesday in the Month 10am -12noon

Sunday Service – each Sunday 3pm and a morning Service once a month at 10.30am

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 | 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.

SAFER Neighbourhoods



Safer

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Police advice to prevent shed burglaries:

People with sheds and allotments are being asked to help make life more difficult for thieves. Most garden sheds are not designed for safe storage. Ideally expensive items such as power tools, lawn mowers, garden tools, bicycles and golf clubs should not be stored in them. If you have no alternative then please follow some simple steps to prevent thieves from stealing valuable goods:

Keep your shed in good conditions so it's not easy to break into
Consider investing in an alarm

Mark and photograph valuable items and register at www.immobilise.com so it can be traced back to you if stolen and later recovered

- Fit a padlock to your shed and wire mesh across the windows
- Fit a motion –activated outside light to deter burglars
- Plant prickly shrubs and plants near windows, drainpipes and fences
- Use gravel on driveways and paths to help alert to anyone outside
- Lock any gates to your drive or back garden
- Chain together large items such as bicycles
- Lock ladders to a secure fixture so that they cannot be used to reach windows to your house

The next Somercotes and Swanwick Community Panel Meeting is Wednesday 26th July at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, Somercotes.

You can contact the Somercotes and Riddings Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team with any issues you would like to raise by calling 101 or emailing alfreton.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

The team can also be found on Twitter: @SomercotesSNT.

Somercotes and Swanwick Community Panel Meetings 2017

Would you like to help set priorities or have any concerns about your neighbourhood?

Residents are invited to discuss any issues or concerns at the next set of Community Panel Meetings which will be hosted by the team at Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

The next Somercotes and Swanwick Community panel meeting is Wednesday 26th July at 6:00pm in the Village Hall, Somercotes.

The following one is not until Wednesday 1st November 2017

The meetings are also a chance for you to meet officers from your local Safer Neighbourhood policing team and catch up on current issues and priorities.

If you cannot attend the meetings but have concerns that you would like to raise then please contact the Somercotes and Riddings Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 101

You can also follow the team on Twitter: @SomercotesSNT



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

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.

Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Brian Lyttle
Councillor Colin Addison-Lees
Councillor Martin Barron
Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie
Councillor Gary Edgson
Councillor Craig Harrison

Councillor John McCabe
Councillor Sian McCabe
Councillor Jason Parker
Councillor Paul Price
Councillor Robert Scott
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 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 email: Somercotespc@btconnect.com

Parish Council Meetings In the lounge of the Village Hall

Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 21st July 2017
Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 15th September 2017
Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 17th November 2017
All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm

Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

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

Saturday 3rd June 2017
Saturday 1st July 2017
Saturday 5th August 2017
Saturday 2nd September 2017

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 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
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 572 938
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

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

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.

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 ID.

**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.

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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.derbys-fire.gov.uk



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