

OPENING DAY FEATURE GARDEN

Somercotes

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



The official opening day of the Feature Garden on Somercotes Market Place took place on Saturday 29th July 2017.

The garden is sited on the former public toilets plot on Somercotes Market Place.

Chairman of the Council (Cllr Paul Smith) officially opened the garden, ably assisted by the retiring Parish Clerk, Soo Massey. Rev'd Imogen Black (St Thomas Parish Church) carried out a short blessing ceremony on the garden

The event was well attended with the additional bonus of free ice creams for children!

The Council hopes that the feature will feel a welcoming place and be well used by the community either as a meeting place or simply as a stopping point to eat lunch or rest.

Thanks go to Tesco Bags of Help, Groundwork Creswell Ashfield & Mansfield, Cresta Ltd, MG Building Services, M Kemp Electrical Testing Services, Ripley & Somercotes Local History Society for their assistance and contributions.



Goodbye Soo!

Soo Massey, Clerk to Somercotes Parish Council for the last 3 years has retired. Soo joined the Council just before the previous clerk was diagnosed with a serious illness. Chairman of the Council, Councillor Paul Smith said: "Soo did an excellent job in her role as Clerk, and steered the Council through what was a very difficult time. On behalf of the Council I would like to wish her every happiness in what is a very well-deserved retirement." Soo is pictured at the opening ceremony of the Somercotes Feature Garden together with colleagues and Councillors. She was a key figure in driving this project to completion, so it was very appropriate that her last duty with the Council was to assist in cutting the ribbon which marked its official opening. Soo is looking forward to spending her retirement travelling with her husband Pete and renovating her new home in Worksop

Welcome to Catherine!

Welcome to Catherine! Somercotes Parish Council welcomed a new Parish Clerk in July. Catherine Hedley took over from Soo Massey on the occasion of Soo's retirement. Catherine joins us from Wessington Parish Council where she has been Parish Clerk for 18 months. Catherine commented: "I am looking forward to meeting residents in the Parish and continuing the excellent work carried out by Soo and her team"



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 County Councillor

Dear Resident

During the summer it has been fairly quiet at Derbyshire County Council. You may be aware that the conservative controlling group has deleted the posts of Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive, Strategic Director for Corporate Property and has created a post of Commissioning Officer. Time will tell us what this means for the County Council and the residents of Derbyshire.

I have been busy reporting pot holes, overgrown hedges, street lighting problems and pursuing improvements to pavements and Bank Street road. Following this, patching work and pot hole repairs have been carried out on various roads and junctions around the area.

Grants have been issued to Somercotes Medical Centre for the patient participation group to develop a kitchen to open a small community café and to Birchwood Methodist Church so that they can continue to provide hot food and beverages in a modern facility. In addition, various small grants have been given throughout the electoral area to community groups so that they can continue with the good work that they do.

A number of traffic regulation orders are soon to be issued for consultation. These are mainly around junctions in Somercotes that are causing driving visibility issues and are regarded as dangerous. This matter has been raised with me previously by many residents and also the police as areas of concern. Examples of the proposed consultations are the junctions of Charles Street and Greenhill Lane, Chapel Street and Cemetery Road, Birchwood Lane and Queen Street and Brendan Avenue, Bank Street and Quarry Road. Look out for the notices, letters and newspapers for further details of the proposals.

Paul Smith

Councillor Paul Smith
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Police & Crime Commissioner HARDYAL DHINDSA



Hardyal Dhindsa, the Police and Crime Commissioner visited Somercotes Village Hall on the 21st July 2017 to find out what policing and community issues were important to you. The local Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team were also present. The Commissioner was welcomed by Councillor Paul Smith on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Commissioner outlined his five year policing plan for Derbyshire together with a number of pledges he had made as Commissioner.

After responding to a number of questions from the audience, Hardyal advised that a new service called 'Derbyshire Alert' had recently been introduced. This allows residents to receive news and appeals, local crime information, and prevention advice to their personal email account. To register for this service; follow the link www.derbyshirealert.co.uk

You can also view the Commissioners pledges and five year policing plan for Derbyshire at the following location: www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk



A new community café officially opened its doors in August. Based in Somercotes medical centre the café is open to everyone and offers a hot drink, biscuit and company. The project was given the backing of Cllr Paul Smith and subsequently awarded £9,420 from Derbyshire County Council Community Priorities Program, along with fundraising from the patient participation group. The waiting area was adapted and a purpose built kitchen installed. Spearheaded by members of the medical centre patient participation group, the café is run by volunteers and opens on both a Wednesday and Thursday morning 10:00am until 1pm.



Grants Award Presentation

This years Grant Award presentation evening took place on 22nd August 2017.

The Parish Council provides grants every year to encourage and support local clubs, groups and organisations. So far this year, twelve applicants have received grants.

Chairman of the Parish Council, (Cllr Paul Smith) said "It is always a great pleasure to present these awards. The Parish Council is delighted to support the excellent contribution local groups and organisations make to the community".

So far, a total of £5000 has been awarded this year. Any club, society or organisation based in the Parish or providing a service for residents of the Parish can apply.



Cheque presentation to Ridding's Cricket Club to fund a new artificial wicket. Many of the members are from Somercotes



Cllr Smith and fellow County Councillor presenting a cheque for £500 to The Pyehill and District Male Voice Choir to help fund a number of concerts. The choir regularly gives concerts in churches, community centres, nursing homes, hotels and conference centres throughout the East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire area.

Appeal Rejected - Amber Valley Rugby Club, Lower Somercotes

Residential development for up to 200 dwellings.

Somercotes Parish Council have consistently objected to this application, raising concerns as long ago as 2014. The application was initially refused by the Planning Department of Amber Valley Borough Council and an appeal by the applicant followed. This appeal has now been rejected by the Secretary of State, despite being uncontested by the Planning Authority.

Somercotes Parish Council are delighted with this decision and would like to thank all those who raised objections, together with the sterling work of the Somercotes Against Development group, who have so effectively campaigned for this outcome. A letter was received from the Group expressing their gratitude for the support provided by the Parish Council.

Somercotes Parish Council
Somercotes Village Hall
Nottingham Road
Somercotes DE55 4LY

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter as appreciation of the support the Parish Council has shown to our group, Somercotes Against Development, during our campaign against the proposed Rugby Club Development. In particular, may we thank Councillors Parker, Smith, McCabe and Lytle whose help and contributions certainly helped our cause. We also would like to thank you for the donation made to our fighting fund.

It has been a lengthy fight and hopefully it is now nearing an end.

Yours faithfully

pp Somercotes Against Development



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, It is not about the Somercotes area, they did affect everywhere, as most were Government edicts.

SOMERCOTES ALLSORTS

1927 July 29th HARRY DAYKIN, the young Somercotes footballer who played outside left for Alfreton Town, takes up his engagement with Southend on August 6th. DAYKIN celebrates his 18th birthday on Monday and we wish him the best of luck with his new club.

1931 July 3rd On Sunday a bricklayer named CHARLES HAGUE of East View Albert Street Leabrooks had a lucky escape from death. He was motor cycling from Leabrooks when he came into collision with a PIPPIN BUS driven by JOSEPH GENT of Ripley. HAGUE was thrown to the ground and had a shoe wrenched off but escaped with only abrasions to his leg.

1931 August 21st Somercotes, Leabrooks & District SPIRITUALIST CHURCH held an open air Service on Somercotes Market Polace on Thursday evening. This was the first open air service held by any Spiritualist Church and Somercotes is very proud of this fact. The meeting was attended by some 150 mostly Somercotes people. The Invocation was sweetly given by Mr J ANNABLE of Belper. The service adjournment was made to the Hall on Leabrooks Road when a packed audience were given some beautiful experiences by Mr CARTER of Halifax and clairvoyance by Mr ANNABLE. Together a most wonderful rally.

1931 October 16th SIDNEY BRADLEY 25 miner of Nottingham Rd received injuries to the head and back on Wednesday when he was caught by a fall of roof. He was taken to DRI. BRADLEY was a former Alfreton Town goalkeeper and present Somercotes Wicket Keeper.

1931 December 4th Mr HERBERT WILKINSON and Mr J H STORER were in the same ward together at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. They died the same day and were interred side by side in Birchwood Burial ground.

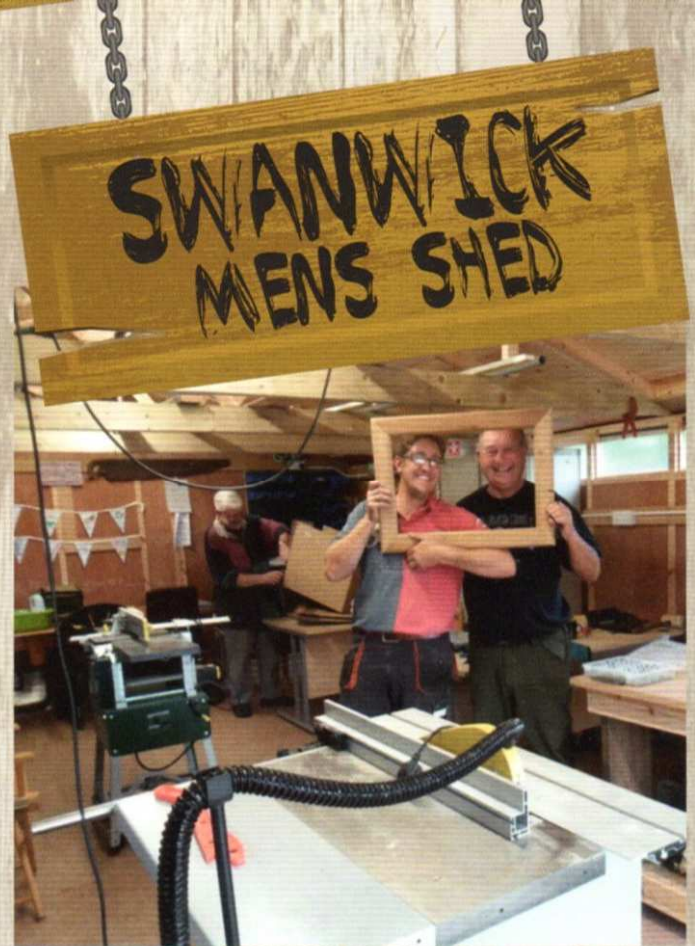
1932 April 8th The following are the SHORTHAND examination results under Somercotes Higher Education Classes. - 80 words per minute - ARTHUR H TAYLOR, DORIS CORNS, HAROLD BETTISON. 70 words per minute - LESLIE GREGORY. Theory - ARTHUR SHELDON, HAROLD NEWTON. Elementary - BARBARA SMITH, AUBREY HALL, DERICK A RADFORD.

1933 February 2nd Mr WALTER WALLER of Leabrooks won the Silver Cup and Gold Medal in the open class for VOCAL SOLO (Gentlemen) at Derby Musical Festival on Thursday last week.

1933 March 2nd In conjunction with the Management of the ALFRETON EMPIRE THEATRE and the presentation of the film "BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE" amongst the 4 children receiving a box of REEVES water paints was EUGENE RADFORD of 90 Birchwood Lane Somercotes.

1935 February 28th The POSTMASTER GENERAL has decided to grant a petition by residents for a SUB POST OFFICE at Lower Somercotes.

1935 April 25th An application was made by the POLICE for the SOMERCOTES INSTITUTE and CLUB on SEELY TERRACE (Secretary JAMES WHYLD) to be struck of the Register for 12 months on the grounds that (1) It is not being CONDUCTED in good faith as a club. (2) The supply of INTOXICATING LIQUOR is not under the control of the committee appointed by the members. The Bench ordered the Club to be struck off, the Register and the premises disqualified for use as a club for twelve months and to pay the cost of 18s 7d.



Swanwick Men's Shed opened on 21st June and we have seen a steady trickle of people from the Amber Valley area calling to see what we are about. We meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30pm at Turner Farm Project, Turners Lane, [off Crays Hill] Swanwick DE55 1AS.

We got together as a small group of men from different backgrounds wishing to take part in DIY projects and hobbies. The sharing of our skills and ideas together with the camaraderie and company of like-minded shedders, has created an atmosphere in which we help and motivate each other. Thanks to tool donations from local residents and funding from local councils and Amber Valley Rotary we have a fully equipped workshop.

We are aimed mainly at men (but women are also welcome) who have some spare time on their hands and wish to keep themselves motivated and busy. There are huge health benefits in taking part in this type of activity for those who are retired, or between jobs right now or perhaps those who have taken early retirement and are wanting to keep themselves focused.

The annual minimum donation is £10 and £3 per session attended including tea and biscuits and all the help you need. We have piles of wood available. You can do your own thing, help others or get involved in projects for the farm or community. Or just make the tea. Make something in wood and make friends.

Whatever your reason, if you think you would like to come along and join us, you are more than welcome. See the place, meet the rest of the 'Shedders' and have a cuppa, then decide whether it is for you. For more information contact Charlie Parkes on 07967 378305.

Carol Service

You are warmly invited to Somercotes Parish Councils Christmas Carol Service
In the St Thomas Parish Church of Somercotes
Friday 15th December 2017 at 7.30pm
With the Heage Band and singing by Somercotes Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Seasonal refreshments after the service in the Village Hall.

All Welcome!

Amber Valley Quarterly Impact Data

2017/18 - Q1 April - June

citizens
advice

Derbyshire
Districts

Amber Valley residents accessing Citizens Advice service	1,003
Clients' problems tackled	4,247

Age of clients

17-24 yrs	72
25-34 yrs	191
35-49 yrs	275
50-64 yrs	283
65-74 yrs	113
75-84 yrs	34
85+	8
Not given	

Gender of clients

Female	61%
Male	39%

Ethnicity of clients

White	98%
Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic	2%

Health of clients

Disabled or Long term health condition	50%
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Benefits & grants secured	£1,197,318
Debt managed	£412,370

Access to advice in Amber Valley

Advice centres in **Belper** and **Heanor** offering drop in advice sessions.

22 outreach services in GP surgeries, Children's Centres, libraries & community facilities across Amber Valley

Adviceline 0300 456 8390

Monday—Friday 09.00am to 4.00pm

Issues by type

Benefits	2,314
Consumer	73
Debt	640
Discrimination	12
Education	12
Employment	185
Financial	225
Health & Social Care	110
Housing	177
Immigration	7
Legal	83
Other	38
Relationships	160
Tax	22
Travel	42
Utilities	118

Advice trends...

Welfare Benefit and Tax Credits continues to be the biggest enquiry area which our clients present with accounting for over half of issues advised on.



The majority of these issues surround Personal Independence Payments and Employment Support Allowance. 20% of these concern challenging decisions by Mandatory Reconsideration or Appeals - a significant number of which are successful.

Changes to the welfare system, eligibility criteria and claiming processes continue to impact on our clients. With our Advisers increasingly being required to assist with the completion of claim forms and providing benefit checks to ensure our clients are receiving their correct entitlement and all the pass-ported help and benefits they are entitled to. A lack of digital access and IT skills can increase the difficulties faced by our clients.

Community focus...

We have identified that people with mental health issues are less likely to access advice and support, yet are more likely to need and benefit from help. We know, particularly from our partnership work within local GP and community NHS services, that mental health and well-being can impact on social and financial welfare including debt, housing and employment.

We are now developing proactive focused partnerships with mental health peer support services in Amber Valley to help us help us to provide tailored help and support to people that need it most.



Access to advice in Amber Valley...

Clients / ward area - 5 highest ranking

Amber Valley ward	Clients
Ripley	82
Somercotes*	67
Langley Mill and Aldercar	65
Heanor West	58
Alfreton*	56

Issues / ward area - 5 highest ranking

Amber Valley ward	Issues
Ripley*	419
Somercotes	315
Ironville and Riddings *	306
Langley Mill & Aldercar*	276
Heanor East *	275

* indicates new listing from previous quarter

Our Amber Valley offices:
Drop-in & appointment sessions available

Belper	Heanor
103 Bridge Street DE56 1BA Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am— 2.00pm	Town Hall, Market Place, DE75 7AA Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm



Our telephone Adviceline is open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm

0300 456 8390

(Calls are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers and will count towards inclusive minutes)

Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

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	9.15am & 11.15am	Slimming World	Sue Rutter	07738 118130 01773 609251
	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	
	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	Day dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07910 600724
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	Day dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07910 600724
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

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.

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 - Mobility aids
 - Oven cleaning
 - Pest control
 - Plumbers
 - Roofers
 - Solicitors
 - Telephone & television repairs
 - Upholstery cleaning
 - Windows
 - and many more

Call Derbyshire 01629 533190
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt

Somercotes Parish Council Office Christmas Closing



The Council Office will be closed from Monday 25th December to Monday 1st January 2018 inclusive. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. The Chairman and Members of the Council extend Seasons Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all.

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
Fridays: 9am -1pm & 2pm – 5pm
Thursdays: 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm
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: (01629 533970)
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.

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hearinghelp

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

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

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

Registered Charity No: 1037481
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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

Church Open Day - Coffee Morning, Craft Stalls
10am 7th October 2017

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST THOMAS'

Candlelit Carol Service: Sunday 17th December 6pm
Crib Service: Sunday 24th December 4pm
Come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story!
Midnight Mass: Sunday 24th December 11.30pm
Mass with Carols: Monday 25th December 10am

All are welcome to join any of our services and events

PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookspcc.com

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 3yrs – 11yrs
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.

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



Somercotes Salvation Army

Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, DE55 1RB

Meetings led by by Captain Vicky Owen (from 19 October 2017), unless otherwise stated. Enquiries phone: 01773 606945

Weekly

- Sunday 11am – 12noon – 'The Jam Club' (Sunday School).
- Sunday Worship 3pm
- Monday 2pm. - Friends and Fellowship (except Bank Holiday weeks)
- Tuesday 9.30pm – 12noon. Care and Share Coffee Morning (except Bank Holiday weeks).
- Thursday 2pm – 3.30pm - Bible Study Group

Monthly (see dates below)

- Craft & Cake - First Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm. 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.

Thank you to David Robinson for leading the meeting to-day.

Monday 9th October 2pm. Friends and Fellowship – Sandra Bagworth.

Tuesday 10th October 6pm. The Hall will be open to those who wish to pray for family and friends.

Sunday 15th October 3pm. The meeting will be led by Majors Les and Ruth Taylor.

Monday 16th October 2pm. Friends and Fellowship – Mary Monk

Thursday 19th October - Captain Vicky Owen will take up her appointment at Somercotes Corps.

Sunday 22nd October 3pm. The meeting will be led by DHQ.

Monday 23 October 2pm. Friends and Fellowship – CO.

Friday 3 November 2pm. – Craft Group

Saturday 16th December 7.30pm Concert by the Pye Hill & District Male Voice Choir. Sponsored by Councillor Paul Smith through Derbyshire County Council's Community Leadership Scheme. All proceeds to benefit the work of the Corps.

Saturday 9 December – Collection Day at Tesco, Alfreton confirmed. Volunteers required please.



CREST Speed Laser Gun Results

Location	Date	Time of Arrival	Time Spent at location	No of offences/advisories
Pye Bridge	2.5.17	0730	60	9
Pye Bridge	5.5.17	1800	45	5
Pye Bridge	9.5.17	0730	60	6 x fixed penalty
Lower Somercotes				
Derby Road, Swanwick	22.5.17	1115	40	3
Birchwood Lane	22.5.17	1530	60	6
Sleetmoor Lane	1.6.17	1715	30	0
	1.6.17	1752	48	2 x fixed penalty
Somercotes Hill				
Sleetmoor Lane	11.6.17	1730	45	8
Derby Road, Swanwick	11.6.17	18.20	40	4
	11.6.17	1905	55	5 x fixed penalty
Lower Somercotes				
Sleetmoor Lane	18.6.17	1825	35	2
Derby Road, Swanwick	18.6.17	1905	35	0
	18.6.17	1945	60	9
Sleetmoor Lane				
	28.6.17	1830	60	13
Sleetmoor Lane				
	6.7.17	0700	120	13
Lower Somercotes				
Derby Road, Swanwick	7.7.17	0730	45	2
	7.7.17	0825	45	2

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	Catherine Hedley	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 on 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 **Monday 20th November 2017**
Ordinary PC Meeting **Friday 19th January 2018**
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 7th October 2017
Saturday 4th November 2017
Saturday 2nd December 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 463 058
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



Now is the time to rent that allotment, your health will benefit, your stomach will benefit, your taste will benefit, basically you and your family will benefit.

Winter brassicas, Broad Beans, Onions, Shallots and Garlic can be set now.

Winter digging helps break up the soil and helps kills bugs etc. Birchwood Lane Allotments are a forward looking Association, and aim to be "The Better Place to Garden in Somercotes".

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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.

Telephone Number for contact: 01773 841335
Email: envadm@ambervalley.gov.uk
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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.

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