

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

## Carol Service



The Parish Council were delighted to welcome parishioners to the Annual Carol Service held on 15th December 2017 in the Parish Church of St. Thomas. Following short introductions from Reverend Imogen Black and Councillor Paul Smith, the service began. The Carols were performed by members of Somercotes Brownies, Girl Guides and Rainbows; ably accompanied by the Heage Band. Following the service, the children received selection

boxes from the Parish Council and the celebrations continued into the Village Hall where refreshments were provided. The collection following the service raised £216 for the Chairman's nominated charity which this year was Somercotes Girl Guides. They are currently raising money for a trip to India, so this was a very welcome contribution.



## Allotment Awards

Winners and runner ups from Birchwood Lane, Sleetmoor Lane, Bridle Lane and Drunken Close Allotments received recognition in the form of trophies and awards for their effort and hard work on the evening of 7 November 2017. The Chairman of the Allotment Association, Councillor Brian Lyttle presented the awards as follows:

Bridle Lane, 1st M. Gregory, 2nd B Copeland, 3rd J Clewley  
Birchwood Lane, 1st M Hopkinson, 2nd B Ashmore, 3rd A Brimson  
Sleetmoor Lane, 1st Key & Hobart, 2nd Lincoln & Kirk, 3rd Shaw & Lowe

Overall winners :-

1st Place M Gregory, Bridle Lane, 2nd Place Key & Hobart, Sleetmoor Lane, 3rd Place M Hopkinson, Birchwood Lane  
Childrens Competition, 1st Place, Jenson, Sleetmoor Lane, 2nd Place, Thomas, Sleetmoor Lane, 3rd Place, Lorna Sully, Bridle Lane



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

Licensed Bar available  
Ample car parking available

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

It's that time of the year when Councils will be deciding how much the Council Tax will be going up. This coming year, 2018/19, Derbyshire County Council's Conservative controlling group have just agreed a 4.99% increase, the highest increase in 15 years. I personally voted against this increase as I believe it will put a real burden on people just about managing and a further £12 million worth of cuts are on the way. Three examples of them are potentially no funding for crossing patrols - £300k removed, revised gritting routes - £500k removed, reduction in funding for road safety - £400k removed. Two percent of the increase is ring-fenced for adult social care. I have long said there should be a national solution to this issue.

The Tories have also increased the Council Tax by the highest in 15 years, yet they are talking about no increase in 2019/20 – does this add up?

Since the last newsletter, I have been reporting various issues and helping residents, mostly about pot holes and street lighting faults – some of which I have reported more than once or even twice!! Nevertheless, I will ensure that they get repaired.

I have held surgeries with my colleagues, Councillors John McCabe and Brian Lyttle; we attended a really positive Residents' meeting at Pye Bridge. "Thank You" to the Dog & Doublet for hosting us and for the tea and coffee which was much appreciated. We are working through the issues raised with the Police and other agencies. It was agreed to be repeated in a couple of months' time.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Smith  
Chair of Somercotes Parish Council



# 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.

## NOTES FOR 1932

- April 1st The cheapest method of COOKING when all the factors are taken into consideration is to cook by GAS.  
 April 8th A few shillings spent on HALL'S DISTEMPER means a bright happy home for years with 60 colours to choose from.  
 April 22nd Better than Black Leading give your grates a coat of NAMO LIQUID BLACK it dries quickly and lasts for months. Use it on Bedsteads, Prams and all Ironwork.  
 April 29th Since its inception in 1824 the ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION has saved nearly 63,000 lives.  
 May 6th There are over 50,000 BLIND PERSONS in this country and of this 24,000 are in receipt of pensions under the BLIND PERSONS ACT of 1920.  
 May 6th The reduction made last year in SALARIES of all the highest state employees is to continue with exception during the current year.  
 May 6th COMPULSORY MOTOR INSURANCE. Private cars 8hp £7. Motor cycles 3rd party only 20cc 15s.  
 Nov 18th The Engineering Trade Unions are to agitate for a 40 hour week without reduction in pay.  
 Nov 18th The latest figures show that during September 4000 more cars were registered than during the same month last year.  
 Nov 18th According to figures Great Britain is at present the leading EXPORTING COUNTRY in the world. For the past 6 months we have exported more than the USA.

## 1934

- Nov 15th "This Pasteurisation Nonsense" writes "BLYTHE" in the Farmer and Stockbreeder, "is like the Loch Ness Monster – it keeps bobbing up in a fresh place. The latest piece of Tom Foolery is that local Medical Officers of health are turning down fresh supplies from 1st class dairies and have insisted on stale milk brought from a distance being supplied to school because it carries the magic word "PASTEURISATION"

## SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

Due to continuing financial pressure, the Parish Council at its meeting on 19th January 2018, took the decision to increase the precept by 3% for 2018/19. The 'precept' is the amount of money collected with the Council Tax for Parish Council services and activities.

Whilst this is regretted, the increase was necessary to continue to deliver and maintain valued services in the Parish, part of which

includes litter picking, footpath clearance, landscaping and general maintenance, monthly skip provision and management of the Village Hall .

In addition to maintaining and delivering these services, the Council supports many community groups and initiatives which contribute to and enhance village life. An increase in precept will allow the Council to maintain this support whilst continuing to improve facilities for the local community.



### Dear Reader

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Mrs Beryl Hannant, a former Somercotes Parish Councillor and School Governor. Beryl was a

longstanding member of Somercotes Parish Council and was a member of the Leabrooks Peniel Christian Church. She was also a volunteer with the Lighthouse Charity Shops and was extremely active and cared passionately about the community. She was a very valued member of the Council who was never afraid to raise issues that concerned her about the area. Beryl was a very strong and determined lady and whenever I was interviewed to represent this area, she was always the one who came up with extremely challenging questions. Beryl, alongside her husband Gerald attended all the Parish Council meetings and always made valued contributions.

**"Beryl, your strength, vision and values will be greatly missed – thank you and God bless".**

Yours sincerely  
Councillor Paul Smith  
Chair of Somercotes Parish Council



## Somercotes Salvation Army

The Salvation Army at Somercotes would like to thank the public and various organisations who supported its efforts to help local families experiencing poverty and difficult times throughout the Christmas period.

Donations of new toys and food meant that it was possible to provide forty children with Christmas presents and twenty families also received food parcels. Toys and food parcels were distributed to families mainly identified by Social Services.

The Salvation Army run a campaign each year ensuring that thousands of disadvantaged children across the country wake up to presents on Christmas day.

This was the first Christmas for Captain Vicky Owen at Somercotes Salvation Army who was truly touched by people's generosity and the hard work by members of her church in helping to distribute parcels to families.

Vicky has recently returned from serving overseas for six years in Ghana and experienced first hand the joy experienced from the generosity of the public in response to annual 'shoe box' appeals that children benefit from at Christmas in countries faced with extreme poverty.

Vicky is keen to get out and about and to meet and serve the people in Somercotes, Alfreton and surrounding areas. Her vision is to help bring the diverse local community together of all ages.

A year ago a new kitchen was installed at the Salvation Army Hall, Somercotes, following years of fund raising efforts. This was undertaken by Mick Bonsall who also successfully obtained grants towards the project. Vicky would like to use this facility to support existing activities and for new activities aimed at reducing social isolation in the community.

If you have cooking skills or could help out serving and clearing up and are prepared to volunteer a few hours a week you could make a tremendous difference to the lives of local people. If you can help in any way, Captain Vicky Owen would be delighted to hear from you and can be contacted on 01773 606945 / 0115 944 4720 / 07407 383375 / vicky.owen@salvationarmy.org.uk





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# Girlguiding

## 1st Somercotes Girl Guides

### Pye Hill and District Male Voice Choir Concert to Support Somercotes Girl Guides in Life Changing Experience of Visit to India

St. Thomas's Church, Somercotes – Saturday 10 March 2018  
7.00pm

The 1st Somercotes Guides are travelling to Pune, India in August 2018 to visit the Indian World Centre of Guiding – Sangam. The Guides will be working in the local community on a ten day project before spending the remaining five days exploring India. This will provide an amazing cultural experience and a unique once in a lifetime opportunity for self-development by undertaking volunteering activities in the Pune community.

The Girl Guides already undertake community activities locally in Somercotes and within the local area, but this will provide the girls with opportunities to gain skills as global citizens and exposure to other cultures helping build multi-cultural understanding and considerably enhance their confidence and personal development.

The Guides have been fund raising for eighteen months for this ambitious project to ensure this is an inclusive experience for all 1st Somercotes Guides, irrespective of family economic circumstance. The guides have been working hard to reach this goal through sponsored events, bag packing, curry nights and stalls at local events with activities from tombola, face painting to maggot racing! However, this is a significant challenge and the Guides need all the help they can get from the local community to achieve their ambition.

Somercotes Guides believe that fund-raising should be fun and have asked the Pye Hill & District Male Voice Choir to support them. With sponsorship obtained through a Derbyshire County Council Leadership Community Grant, all proceeds received from the concert will go directly to the Girl Guides. The Girl Guides plan to take part in the concert by singing themselves and are engaged with the choir in arranging the concert which in itself is a learning experience.

Somercotes Guides would like to acknowledge the support of St. Thomas Church, Somercotes, Councillor Paul Smith and the Pye Hill and District Male Voice Choir. Please come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of entertainment and fun! Tickets have been priced at only £3.00 so that everyone can attend. A raffle will be available and rising collection for anyone wishing to make a donation.

It's expected that the concert will prove very popular so please obtain your tickets early from Karen on behalf of the Guides (ring 01773 609289 or text 07963 090559) or Malcolm Hill of the Pye Hill & District Male Voice Choir on (07706036946 or 01773 602743). Tickets not sold prior to the concert will be placed on general sale at the church on the evening of the concert, but you are advised to get your tickets early.



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## SOMERCOTES CHORAL SOCIETY'S NEXT CONCERT

Somercotes Choral Society, which has been established for over 50 years, is presenting their next concert at the David Nieper Academy, Alfreton, on Saturday 28th April 2018.

Entitled 'That's Amore' it includes a selection of well known love songs from musicals and delightful scores. It starts at 7pm and tickets can be obtained from

**Jen on 01773 789079 and  
Sue on 01773 768234.**

**They are £8 each with £4 for under 16s.**

The supporting artist is Brett Wales the popular organist and entertainer.

The choir rehearses each Tuesday evening in Somercotes and if any men and women are interested in joining they can contact Jen on 01773 789079. No auditions are required.





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# Girlguiding

## 1st Somercotes Guides 2017

In 2017 Somercotes Guides partied into space in an explosion of glitter and chocolate!

The cookie challenge, it was suspected, was an excuse for the Guides to eat chocolate. The cookie taste test results favoured chocolate and ALL the patrols chose to make chocolate cookies to fill the cookie jars they had made. More chocolate was munched when we took over the cinema to watch *Beauty and the Beast*.

During an extra-terrestrial spring term, the Guides were challenged to become friends to aliens. From across the galaxy of imagination some creative alien friends appeared made from wool, clay, marshmallows, ping pong balls and googly-eyes.

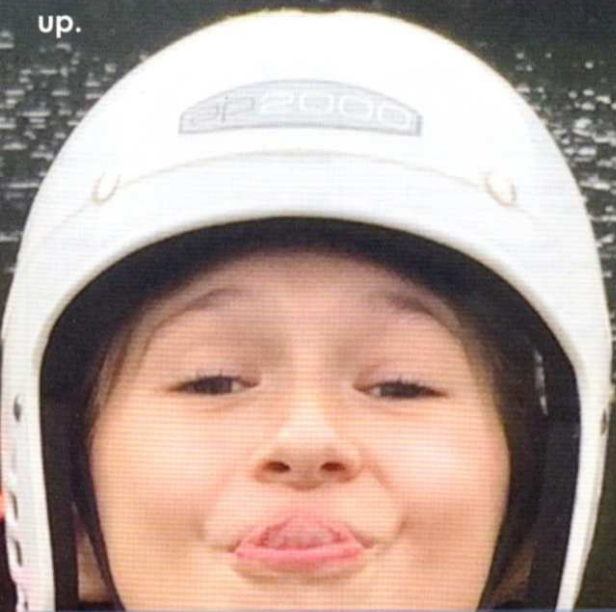
Meanwhile, SoMARScores Guides brought out the power tools to create a giant replica of the home planet for space themed Spring Bank Camp. The Guides completed their space mission to have fun by climbing, abseiling, shooting, bouncing and of course *The Water Fight*.

The senior patrol blasted its way around the go-kart track with such speed we were surprised they didn't launch into space, before the first party of the year... a surprise birthday party!





An evening of explosions in the summer term elicited glee and laughter. Water rockets were expelled into the atmosphere and we learnt about chemical reactions with vitamin C and fizzy drink; much to the relief of this year's role model – female firefighter Jo, who looked rather alarmed when we told her we were about to blow things up.



We also had a scavenger hunt, raised money for Macmillan and another party...The summer promise party.

The partying continued at Wellies and Wristbands camp, where with glitter painted faces we sang and danced and came over all giddy about boybands. We also proved that you can build rafts, climb and cave in glittery make-up.

We explored faith and belief during the autumn; visiting Hindu and Sikh temples, a mosque and a church as well as learning some Arabic, how to cook a curry and how to party Asian style during a marriage workshop. After competing in the area incident hike, we needed some pampering, so held a Body Shop party.



Is October too cold for paddling? Not for Somercotes Guides who spent a weekend in Mablethorpe where highlights included cute seals, bouldering, a tour of the lifeboats, travelling on the beach train and getting as wet as possible whilst 'paddling' in the sea fifteen minutes before getting on the coach home!

'The unicorn made me do it' said the Guides when the glitter exploded during our unicorn challenge. The unicorn also made them hold a unicorn gymkhana, explore their unicorn superpowers, make unicorn cupcakes and rainbow kebabs and of course hold a unicorn party complete with freak-shakes and glitter face painting.

In our last term of 2017 the Guides debated important topics, such as chocolate, during parliament week; voted to make and send cards to the lonely and ill as their community action project; entertained Somercotes in our talent show and at the parish carol concert; made glittery Christmas crafts; and finally Roller-disco partied their way into 2018!



## DERBYSHIRE CONNECT

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# Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Details
Mondays	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>Welfare Rights</b> (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre)	No appointment needed	
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes Guides</b> Group for girls aged 10-15 years	Call into a meeting for more details	
Tuesdays	9.15am - 11.15am	<b>Slimming World</b>	Sue Rutter	07738 118130 01773 609251
	10.00 am - 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Beavers</b> Group for Boys and girls aged 6 to 8	Steve Hewitt	07857845954
	7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Ladies</b> Every Tuesday except 1 <sup>st</sup> in each month	Eileen Wilkinson	01773 603177
Wednesdays	1.00 – 3.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>FREE Maths Class</b> Get into Learning (re-commences 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016)	Alfreton Adult Education Centre	01773 832201
	5:30 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Weight Watchers</b>	Just call in	
	6:45 pm – 7:45 pm In the Hall	<b>Taekwondo</b> Juniors and Adults	Just attend 5 mins before class starts	
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey 07812 837969 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk	
Thursdays	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people.	Norma Gent	01773 836907
	9.45 am - 10.45 am	<b>Somercotes Walking Group</b> Walking for Health	Alan Rowe	01773 609430 <a href="http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk">www.walkingforhealth.org.uk</a>
	6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies</b> Group for girls aged 7-10 years	Call into a meeting for more details.	
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows</b> Group for girls aged 5-7 years		
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Classical Yoga</b> Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	Linda	01773 528264
Fridays	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class	Rav Paul	07963 350868
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm In the Hall	<b>Taekwondo</b> Juniors and Adults	Just attend 5 mins before class starts	
	7:30 - 8:30 pm In the Hall	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey <a href="mailto:dzumba@hotmail.co.uk">dzumba@hotmail.co.uk</a>	07812 837969
Saturdays		<b>None at Present</b>		
Sundays	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	<b>Parish Church of St. Thomas</b> 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  
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: (01773) 540514  
E-Mail: [somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk) or view the website  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://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.

## Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Skip

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.

All residents will be asked to provide evidence that they live in the parish. Please be prepared for this when bringing items to the skip.

NO TRADE WASTE | NO TOXIC WASTE  
NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT | NO ASBESTOS



# 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

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

Minister – Rev. M Dillely 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 10-12 Noon

Sunday 11th March 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service

March 30th 2pm – Good Friday Service

Sunday 1st April 10.30am Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 13th May 3pm Anniversary Tea after Service in our Schoolroom

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US**

**PLEASE SEE OUR NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS**

## 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.

Tickets £6.50  
★★★★★

## Somercotes Medical Centre PPG quiz night with pie and peas

Tickets available at Somercotes Medical Centre  
or Somercotes Village Hall (next to St Thomas church)

Proceeds  
towards  
Somercotes  
Medical  
Centre  
Community  
Cafe

Free Tea and Coffee -  
the bar will be open to purchase  
other drinks

Vegetarian and Gluten free  
options available  
contact Anne Spiby  
01773 606090



## Saturday 3rd March

6:30pm Somercotes village hall

**Care for a Cuppa**

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*David Nieper*  
ACADEMY

# SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

My name is Kian Pearson, I am a Year 8 student at David Nieper Academy. On the 22nd of July 2018 I am doing a sponsored bike ride from John O'Groats to Land's End for Dementia UK in memory of my grandad Keith Hutchinson who passed away on 31st December 2016. I am hoping to achieve this in 14 days or less.

I am looking for local businesses to sponsor me.  
Many thanks.

For further information please email: [pearson.tracey1@gmail.com](mailto:pearson.tracey1@gmail.com)





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 by dropping in or calling the Village Hall on 01773 609397 or 07516 493430 or email: [caretaker@somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto: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) | email: [Somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:Somercotespc@btconnect.com)

## Parish Council Meetings In the lounge of the Village Hall

Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday	16th March 2018	6.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM)	Friday	18th May 2018	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday	20th July 2018	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday	21st September 2018	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday	16th November 2018	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday	18th January 2019	6.30pm
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday	15th March 2019	6.30pm

All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm, except on 18th May 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm – APCM 7pm)

## Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Cllr Brian Lyttle/Councillor John McCabe  
Will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall on:

Saturday 3 March 2018	Saturday 7 April 2018
Saturday 5 May 2018	Saturday 2 June 2018
Saturday 7 July 2018	Saturday 4 August 2018
Saturday 1 September 2018	Saturday 6 October 2018
Saturday 3 November 2018	Saturday 1 December 2018
Saturday 5 January 2019	

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 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



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## DISPOSING OF NEEDLES SAFELY

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## Dog Poop Bags

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