

Somercotes Local

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



Grant Awards Presentation

Each year your Council makes 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. The grant is to foster and encourage local clubs, groups and organisations in the Parish.

Any Club, Society or organisation that is based in the Parish Council or provides a service for residents in the Parish can apply.

So far in this financial year a total sum of £ 3950 has been made in grant awards. Below are some of the organisation representatives who attended to receive their awards at the grant award presentation evening on 19th June 2015.



WASTE METAL FOR CHARTY!

Your Parish Council provides a waste facility once a month. Since August last year, out two Parish Wardens, Les and Colin have been collecting waste metal disposed of and weighing the metal in for payment. The Council agreed that any monies made from the weigh-in could be donated to a Charity of their choice. From August 2014 to April 2015 the sum of £164 was raised and a cheque for this sum was sent to Macmillan Cancer Support in July.

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Councillor Marriott Retirement

Cllr Marriott has served as a Member of Somercotes Parish Council for many years and has taken the decision to retire. Somercotes Parish Council paid tribute to Cllr Marriott's contribution to the community at their September Meeting. The Chairman Councillor Paul Smith expressed wholehearted thanks for his effort and dedication.

FREE Chairs!

The Council has recently replaced the tables and chairs in the Village Hall.

We now have approximately 100 chairs now available free to any school or charitable organisation for collection.

Please contact the Parish Council Office on 01773 603810 or email somercotespc@btconnect.com

Somercotes VILLAGE HALL



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

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

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



Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident

I am pleased to announce that Pennytown Ponds has been awarded Green Flag Status. This is a great reward for all the hard work put in by everybody involved with the project. I am also pleased that Riddings Park has also received the Green Flag Award for the first time. I know that many people from Somercotes use this great park; I certainly do.

Thank you to everyone who commented positively on the Castle Drive footway resurfacing. It is certainly much better.

I will let you know in the next edition, what roads and footways will be included in the next year's programme for resurfacing.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely

Paul Smith

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

Unacceptable fly-tipping in your Parish

Your Council provides two skips every month on Somercotes Market Place at a cost of approximately £7,500 per annum. Most of us dispose of our waste using proper and safe routes such as skips or transporting to local tips, however, some people continue the unacceptable behaviour of tipping their rubbish on other peoples land, by the road or in the countryside. This is fly-tipping. Fly-tipping is the illegal disposal of waste and anyone fly-tipping is committing a serious offence.

Fly-tipping is unsightly, is a nuisance to residents, is harmful and expensive to clean up and it is illegal. So never dump rubbish/waste anywhere other than an official site. In addition those who dump hazardous asbestos waste create a health hazard too.



Recent Fly-tipping on the path behind Pennytown Court

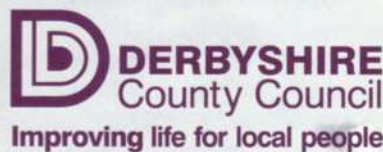


Fly-tipping on Peter Way, Somercotes



This waste which contains a dismantled asbestos shed was dumped at the rear of the Market Place Car Park

Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility is provided on the first Saturday in every month between 8am and 10am.



Whilst we don't yet want to think about Winter weather conditions or know yet what the weather this Winter will bring, preparations for heavy snow fall and ice have to begin early. Somercotes Parish Council has committed to participation in the Snow Warden Scheme again this year.

What will we do?

- ✿ Co-ordinate Parish Wardens to clear snow and distribute grit
- ✿ Report and assist with situations that affect vulnerable residents, such as the elderly and infirm
- ✿ Report the latest local area wintry conditions to DCC
- ✿ Report and deal with empty grit bins

New Councillors

Councillor Jason Parker and Councillor Paul Price were co-opted as Members of the Council at the Council Meeting on Friday 17th July 2015. Both Councillors have previously served as Parish Councillors.

- 1931 Jan 8th 90 mothers & babies enjoyed the INFANTS WELFARE PARTY which was held in the girl's school on Tuesday. Musical items by MRS S TURNER, contralto, MISS ELSIE NAYLOR, pianoforte solos. Helpers MRS SAINT, NURSE E GREGORY, MRS BRADLEY, MRS BONNALL, MISS ATKINSON.
- 1932 Jan 1st Birchwood United Methodist Church arranged a very successful BALLOON CARNIVAL on Christmas day. MRS S A J HILL of Victoria Buildings kindly opened the Carnival. There was a silver tree, half hour concert, competitions & games and a large attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
- 1932 March 31st THOMAS SHARPE, miner of Birchwood had to pay 4 shillings for cycling on the wrong side of the road.
- 1932 May 5th 58 members of the Mothers Union enjoyed a LMS excursion to Messrs CADBURYS works at Bournville.
- 1932 July 31st Stating that the Magistrates considered him to be a menace to society and that he ought to be dealt with rather severely MR J G HANCOCK presiding at the Sirehall, Nottingham, sentenced to a months imprisonment LESLIE EDGINGTON TERRY, 29, of The Firs, Charles St, Leabrooks for obtaining 2s by false pretences. He was dressed in the uniform of a Boy Scout and had asked for the money to get some dinner. Inspector Brooks said he could not say anything in TERRY'S favour and there had been many complaints about him & this sort of thing was common practice.
- 1932 Sept 23rd The inaugural meeting of SOMERCOTES DEBATING SOCIETY was held on Friday evening in the boy's school; MR E A HILL was elected President, MR H HAGUE secretary & MR W HAYWOOD, MR G MINNS & MR H SANSOM to the committee. The first debate is "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished."
- 1933 Jan 5th At Alfreton Police Court, JOHN ISAAC GILBERT, 35, a miner of Swanwick Rd, Leabrooks was summoned by his wife ELSIE for stealing tobacco to the value of 9s 10d. The case was dismissed on the defendant promising to keep away from his wife.
- 1933 March 2nd The ceremonial opening of SDOMERCOTES SENIOR COUNCIL SCHOOL took place on Saturday afternoon will long be remembered as being coincident with the worst snow blizzard experienced in 40 years. The total cost of the building was £22,686.



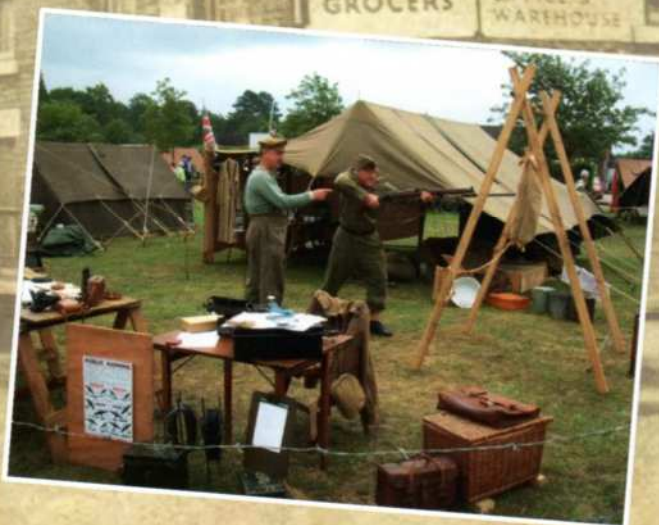
HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, 24th October 2015

10am - 4pm at SOMERCOTES VILLAGE HALL, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Exhibitions:

Somercotes Local History Society, The Magic Attic, JACHS, Heanor History Society, Amber Valley Video Club, Ripley History Society, Codnor Society and others. Local Photograph Exhibitions, & Slideshow and more.



Somercotes Ladies Football Team



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

Please bring along any photographs, letters, documents or anything that will help us retain our heritage for others to enjoy. All items will be copied and returned.

Light refreshments are available on the day at a reasonable charge.

Ironworks Pye Bridge



New Parish Council Staff

The Council is pleased to announce the appointment of new staff:



Clerk to the Council Soo Massey

Soo was the Assistant Clerk to the Council working alongside the Clerk, Gordon Blackmore, who sadly passed away in April this year. Soo has been fulfilling the roles of Interim Clerk/ Assistant Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer until the recruitment of new staff. Before employment with the Parish Council Soo was employed in the Civil Service and Local Government and has great experience in legislative compliance, project management, and managing staff.

Assistant Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer John Richardson

John joined the team on 2nd September, following a recruitment campaign by the Council. John has an extensive background in financial accounts, budgets, project planning and premise management and will be an asset to the team.



Relief Caretaker Virginia Smithurst

Virginia, who lives locally, joined our team on 27th July 2015. Virginia assists our Caretaker, Carol Hopkinson with the responsibility for the Village Hall, maintaining and cleaning the Hall and processing bookings.

Don't forget

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings are now available for perusal on our website.

Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact
Mondays	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	Welfare Rights (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) 1st Somercotes Guides Group for girls aged 10-15 years	No appointment needed Call into a meeting for more details
Tuesdays	10.00 am 12.00 noon and also at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	Watercolour Classes Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. Somercotes Beavers Group for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 Somercotes Ladies Every Tuesday except 1 st in each month	Norma Gent 01773 836907 Paul Williams 07768 109674 Eileen Wilkinson 01773 603177
Wednesdays	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Hall 5:30 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Cameo Coffee Club Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends Weight Watchers Jujitsu Group for Boys and Girls aged 4 upwards Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Just call in Just call in Call Ged or Carl 07723399612 /07926220160 Dey 07812 837969 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk
Thursdays	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge 6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	Watercolour Classes All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. 1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies Group for girls aged 7-10 years 1st Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows Group for girls aged 5-7 years Classical Yoga Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	Norma Gent 01773 836907 Call into a meeting for more details. Linda 01773 528264
Fridays	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	Hatha Yoga Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class Somercotes Cubs Group for boys and girls aged 8 to 10 Somercotes Scouts Group for boys and girls aged 10 to 14 Neon Clubber Nights Exercise to club anthems in semi darkness with disco lights and glow sticks Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Rav Paul 07963 350868 Paul Williams 07768 109674 Paul Williams 07768 109674 Text Fay 07792351282 Dey 07812 837969 dzumba@hotmail.co.uk
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 5HU
Tel + Fax: 01773 570976

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

Important Note

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

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

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

www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk

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

Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131
and Michael Woods 01623 723653

Regular Services:

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

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Mass followed by refreshments

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November commences at 5:55 pm at the War Memorial, followed by the laying of wreaths and Church Service and Roll of Honour from WW1 and WW2

Wednesday 11th November 11am – short Service at the War Memorial

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

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

Parish lunches: Friday; 25th Sept; 30th Oct; 27th Nov;
Christmas Lunch: 18th Dec. All Lunches, 11:30am to 1:30pm

Services and Events

Christmas Fayre: 5th December 10.00 am to 1:30 pm, lunches served from 11:30 am. Many stalls, tombola, tea and coffee served

Christmas Midnight Mass: 24th Dec 11:30pm

All are welcome to join any of our services and events

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.

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

SOMERCOTES SALVATION ARMY CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

Weekly Activities

Sun 10.00am – 11:00am 'The Jam Club' (Sunday School)
3.00pm Sunday Worship

Mon 3.00pm Friends and Fellowship (Except Bank Holidays)

Tues from 9.30am – 11.00am Care and Share Coffee Morning (Except Bank Holidays)
Sale of donated items. Come and find a bargain!

Wed 10.00am Timbrel Practice

Wed 11.00am Band Practice

Regular events of Big Sales, Plant Fayres, and Salvation Army concerts.

There is always something happening at Somercotes Salvation Army, so why not come along? Your life will be better for the experience and you have the chance of helping other people who are less fortunate, in so many ways. If you feel you can contribute, please contact Terry Carpenter, as above.

PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, Telephone 01773 608737

www.leabrookspcc.com

email:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freeserve.co.uk

Leader: Mrs Elaine Whittingham

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

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

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 8am – 10am

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

Saturday: Kids Club 10am – 12noon 3yrs – 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.

Local Businesses Advertise Here.....

Quarterly Magazine delivered to 3000 local residents: Spring – March, Summer June, Autumn – September, Winter - December.
¼ page advert only £25.00
4 adverts per edition

Can you afford to miss it?

Deadlines: last Monday in January, March, June, September

Awards For All!

The Council is considering making application for funding for projects under the Awards For All programme. This is a small grants programme which aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

If you have a suggestion for a project or have a project in mind, please let the Council know.

If you are a voluntary and community organisation, school or a health body and have a

project, which you think may be suitable for a grant of £300 to £10,000, then you are eligible to apply as one of these groups or the Council may apply as a joint project.

The Council will consider if the project fits the Council's and the Awards For All criteria and if it does will make the application.

Please contact the Parish Council Interim Clerk/Assistant Clerk on 01773 603810 or email: somercotespc@btconnect.com for more information

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 572938
Victim Support Line	0845 3030900
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
UK Flu Information Line	0800 1 513 513
Amber Valley Housing	01773 573 100
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
CRIMESTOPPERS -	Call anonymously with information about crime

WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO US

Question YOUR Perception...

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service strongly advises that you consider the risk of fires 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 right time routine. Switch off appliances, close internal doors and remember to take a spare key and telephone to bed with you.

Never leave cooking unattended. And try to replace your chip pan with an electronic deep fat fryer.

Always ensure smoking materials are extinguished properly, use a deep ashtray when smoking, and never smoke when you are tired or in bed.

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

For further information and advice please visit our website www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk

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TRUSTED TRADER

NEW LOOK DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRUSTED TRADER SERVICE

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

Visit the website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted_trader 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.

Derbyshire Approved Personal Assistant Register
Are you looking for a personal assistant for your support needs in Derbyshire?



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Applying to be part of the Register is free and easy - choose one of the following options:
- Go to the website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/approvedpa
 - Email us at derbyshireapprovedpa@penderelstrust.org.uk
 - Call us on 0845 6000 683



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

Safer Neighbourhoods Team

We don't want nuisance motorbikes and inconsiderate motorists who park vehicles, which cause obstruction!
Your Parish Council has brought issues relating to nuisance motorbikes and motorists who park their vehicles on pavements causing obstructions to the attention of the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

And following a community panel meeting, which took place on Wednesday, July 29 where residents voiced concerns about a number of issues including nuisance motorbikes, problem parking and speeding vehicles, **Safer Neighbourhood Officers in Somercotes and Riddings have set new policing priorities:**

Officers from the area's team, which covers Somercotes, Swanwick, Ironville, Riddings, Leabrooks and Pye Bridge, have used this feedback to set priorities to focus on over the next three months.

The team have joined forces with colleagues from nearby Safer Neighbourhood areas to launch Operation Coolamon in a bid to tackle nuisance motorbikes across the area.

They will be stepping up patrols at key times in local problem hot spots including the areas of Pye Bridge, the upper field and waste ground around Amber Valley Rugby Club and Wimsey Way in Somercotes.

Officers will be speaking to riders found to be causing a nuisance, giving advice about the community issue and the law, as well as issuing Section 59 warnings where appropriate and seizing vehicles if necessary.

Team members are also working to tackle nuisance parking across the area. They will be speaking to motorists who park their vehicles on pavements causing obstructions for pedestrians, wheelchair users and pushchairs, as well as on local roads, causing issues for emergency vehicles and public transport. They will be issuing on-the-spot fines and fixed penalty notices where necessary.

Clamping down on speeding drivers is also on the agenda for officers. They will be working alongside local residents to raise awareness of traffic speeds, monitor traffic with the speed radar gun and carry out enforcement where appropriate.

Anyone who wishes to speak to a member of their local Safer Neighbourhood team can contact them by calling 101. You can also stay up to date on community news in your area by following @SomercotesSNT on Twitter.

2016 Calendars Now on Sale

Somerlea Park Centre

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

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



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



Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Brian Lyttle
Councillor Colin Addison-Lees
Councillor Martin Barron
Councillor Tracy Cole
Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie
Councillor Sydney Grotier
Councillor John McCabe
Councillor Sian McCabe
Councillor Jason Parker
Councillor Paul Price
Councillor Scott Walker
No Vacancies

Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council: Soo Massey
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

Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk
e-mail: somercotespc@btconnect.com

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

Parish Council Meetings

Ordinary Parish Council Meetings:
Friday 20th November 2015
Friday 15th January 2016
Friday 18th March 2016

All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6:30pm

Local residents are welcome to attend our Council Meetings at: The Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

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

Saturday 3rd October 2015 11am – 12noon
Saturday 7th November 2015 11am to 12noon
Saturday 5th December 2015 11am to 12noon
County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present.

£3.50 each or 2 for £6.50
Available from the Village Hall



**Dog fouling
Clean it up**

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, Ruby's Nottingham Road and Somerlea Park Centre (on the Recreation Ground). There is no reason why the Recreation Ground should not be free of dog mess (that can cause serious illness to children), as a visit to Somerlea Centre will allow you to obtain FREE Poop Scoop Bags.

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.

Allotments

The Parish Council recognises the importance of healthy eating and the demand for allotment plots so people can "Grow their Own" vegetables. The Council has resolved not to raise the rent to the allotment associations for 2015-16, so why not take on your own allotment and 'grow your own' vegetables? Plots are available at Bridle Lane (Leabrooks); Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes – Contact details for the allotment associations:

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

Birchwood Lane Allotments
To register an interest in an allotment, please contact Colin Addison –Lees
Tel: 07912887904

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

Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility

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

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



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.

