



The Annual Jim Spibey Allotment Competition



1st Place Winners:
D Foster (Bridle Lane) T Waring (Birchwood Lane) P Shinfield (Sleetmoor Lane)

2nd Place Runners Up
J Clewley (Bridle Lane) B Allard (Birchwood Lane) G Butt (Sleetmoor Lane)

3rd Places
B Copeland (Bridle Lane) J Waring (Birchwood Lane) P Price (Sleetmoor Lane)

The Overall Winner was awarded to D Foster (Bridle Lane)

Since 2012 The Parish Council has supported an Annual Allotments Competition for the best kept Allotment plot(s). The Competition is held in memory of Councillor Jim Spibey, a Parish Councillor for 25 years, who died in December 2011. Jim was a keen and knowledgeable gardener, loved growing his own vegetables and always kept a beautiful garden. Along with other prizes an Annual Shield (the Jim Spibey Memorial Shield) is awarded for the best plot overall out of our three Allotment sites:- Birchwood Lane; Bridle Lane and Sleetmoor Lane. This year judging was conducted by an independent Judge from Amber Valley Borough Council, Richard Hodgkinson. A well attended Presentation Evening was held at the Village Hall on Friday 23rd October 2015. Awards were made by Councillor B Lyttle.

A Children's Competition was also held and the two entries both from Birchwood Lane won prizes: Connor McGeachy and Gabriel and Elijah Jones. Recognition was also given to another young gardener at Bridle lane Allotments, who has worked on a small section of his Grandfathers plot. It is great to see young people interested in gardening and we would encourage more young people to get involved at the Allotments.



Pennytown Ponds Green Flag

Pennytown Ponds has been awarded the Green Flag for the third time. The Green Flag Award® scheme recognises and rewards the very best green spaces and recognises well managed parks and open spaces for all to enjoy.

Pennytown Ponds is situated in the heart of Cotes Park Industrial Estate, the area is just under 4.5 hectares and offers an interesting mix of habitat such as mature Oaks and Ash, species rich patches of semi-natural grassland and a brook, which cascades through 4 ponds, which adds to diversity by producing small wetland areas. Designated as a Local Nature Reserve in January 2001 the ponds are developing into an interesting site offering the visitor an opportunity to enjoy nature and local history. The Friends group, Groundwork and the angling club hold events throughout the year, everyone is welcome to attend habitat surveys, and fishing events. You can get more information from the Parish Council website at www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk.

The Ponds are open all year round and offers something for everyone, even if you are not interested in the history or nature you can walk the dog, let the children run around, take a leisurely stroll or do a spot of fishing.

New Councillor

Councillor Gary Edgson was co-opted as a Member of the Council at the Council Meeting on Friday 18th September 2015.



Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident

I would just like to inform you of a number of things that have happened in the community.

Sleetmoor Woods – the entrance of Sleetmoor Lane near to the ADASS Football Pitches has been closed off and a new entrance aligning with the Crays Hill Footpath has been created with an "A" frame and horse hop installed to help reduce motorbike activity on to the site. Also a new route has been created inside the wood linking this new footpath with the walk further up Sleetmoor Lane.

Due to residents' concerns about unlawful motorbike activity in Pyebridge on some of the footways around the village, a Police operation has taken place and the County Council have agreed to install "A" barriers on some of the routes. In partnership with the Parish Council we are also looking at installing a bench at the side of Pyebridge pond; this follows on from a clear-up of the area and will give people a place to sit on the footpath link from Pyebridge through to Ironville.

At Matlock things remain difficult with the cuts target still remaining at £157m and we are all anxiously awaiting the Comprehensive Spending Review announcements in late November from the government.

I will let you know what it means to service provision in communities in the next newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and remember it's a time for giving.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Paul Smith

Councillor Paul Smith

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care



Flying the Derbyshire Flag!

Somercotes Parish Council ensured that its Derbyshire Flag was raised for Sunday 20th September 2015 in support of Derbyshire Day.

Derbyshire Day is BBC Radio Derby's annual celebration of the amazing things that people make and do in Derbyshire and East Staffordshire

Derbyshire Day was set up in 2007 by BBC Radio Derby and has taken place every year since, taking place around the end of September to mark the anniversary of the launch of the Derbyshire flag on 22nd September 2006.

Somercotes Parish Council


Christmas Carol Service

In the St. Thomas Parish Church of Somercotes

Friday 11th December 2015 at 7.30pm

With the Heage Band and singing by Somercotes Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Seasonal refreshments after the service in the Village Hall




Proceeds from 'Guess The Weight' of this pumpkin competition at the Red Lion PH, Riddings, was donated to the Alzheimer's Society Charity. The pumpkin was grown on Sleetmoor Allotments and donated by Councillor Paul Price.

Somercotes Parish Council Office Christmas & New Year Closing

The Council Office will be closed on Thursday 24th December 2015 to Friday 1st January 2016. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday 6th January 2016.

The Chairman and Members of the Council extend Season's Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and The New Year to all.



Miscellany In The 1930's

- 1931 February 6th** Saturday was a red letter day for BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH when a large attendance of members and friends assembles to witness the switching on of the Electric Lights by Mrs G H Widdowson of Allestree. Following the service all adjourned to the schoolroom where 130 persons partook of the food provided.
- 1931 February 20th** Mr F Lebeter M.sc. of Victoria Hose Somercotes went out to South Africa four years ago to a post of supervisor in the Calcium Quarries. He is now to be congratulated in gaining a 1st class Colliery Managers Certificate. Mr Lebeter will probably offer himself for service abroad.
- 1931 March 6th** A great surprise awaited the miners who work at COTES PARK COLLIERY belonging to Messrs James Oaks & Co, yesterday morning to find notices that work will cease on March 8th. 400 men and boys will be affected.
- 1931 March 27th** Messrs Watson & Son of Ripley sold by auction at the Greenhill Hotel, 4 dwelling houses viz: 80, 81, 82 & 83 Swanwick Road Leabrooks, producing annual rental of £73.4s.8d. The purchase price being £520.
- 1931 April 3rd** Whilst 2 meetings were in progress in Somercotes school on Tuesday night, a fire broke out in the building. Captain H E Chandler, Conservative agent for the division who was addressing the Junior Imps hastily organised a band of fire fighters and with buckets of water extinguished the flames.
- 1931 October 16th** Alfreton Urban District Council have transformed a portion of the Recreation Ground at Somercotes into a beautiful Pleasure Park consisting of a well laid out Bowling Green, Miniature Golf & Clock Golf.
- 1931 November 27th** Messrs Hopkinson & Lamb of Leabrooks were granted permission by Midland Area Traffic Commissioners last Friday, to run a football excursion from Leabrooks to the Baseball Ground. The Commission expressed surprise that the Trent Co should have objection to the application.

The following item is not about Somercotes but it is worth sharing!

- 1931 June 9th** A former Ripley Policeman by name Henry Edward Barkes is reported as having been found in Honolulu with a bullet wound in his head, strung up to a tree beneath his feet the remains of a fire. The local jury found that it was a case of SUICIDE but according to a friend who has sent information to relatives in Derby, there is a strong feeling that it is a case of MURDER. Barkes left England in 1903 & became a member of the Australian Secret Service & the Canadian Mounted Police. He was 6ft 2in in height.

Was I born too late Dad?

Did you go down to the 'Resser' when ice was thick
and test it by banging it hard with foot and stick.
Where sometimes it was thin and you'd fall in
you'd run home shivering, drenched to the skin.
Your Mam would shout and threaten punishment dire
then fill the tin bath in front of the fire.

Did you beg pram wheels a trolley to make
a rope for steering, your foot for a brake.
A vehicle owner out on the road
did you follow the horse and bring home a load
of manure for the garden with nose in the air
you'd be mobile for months free from all care.

Did your newspaper kite dip and dive in the air
with stick adjusted to make it flair.
A bit on the tail to make it steady
you'd run like mad with more string at the ready.

Did you climb a tree because it was there
a challenge of nature or even a dare.
Your trousers would tear with a sickening sound
'cause when you got home, Mam would tan your
behind.

When Scrumpling was a pastime for those who could run
the farmers' pursuit part of the fun.
The road was your playground for 'Whipping Tops'
No lorries, no cars just horses' clip clops.

The girls skipping song, all joined together
across the lane in sunny weather.
Did you find a frame and beg bits and bobs
put it together and tighten the knobs.
Call it a clag with you the proud maker
though without brakes or tyres 'twas an old bone shaker.

You'd holler and toller on Winter's dark nights
with only the moon or street old gas lights.
You'd put a few cinders in a can full of holes
swing it round and round to make glowing coals.

We had marbles, snobs and fag cards galore
conkers were your playthings in those days of yore
A pigs bladder your football, tin cans were your stilts
were you involved right up to the hilt.

In games and in dares, in escapades dad
Was life more fun when I was a lad
Was I born too late Dad?



Somercotes
Local History Society

HERITAGE DAY

Once again the Local Heritage day at the village hall was a resounding success, attracting a large number of people from the local community eager to explore their past Industrial Heritage, whilst enjoying a wander down memory lane in a relaxed atmosphere, looking at old photos, books, DVDs, many identifying their friends, family and past history from this village and surrounding areas.

The Somercotes Local History Society organised the event and also invited a variety of organisations from the locality to put on their own displays.



A big thank you to; Magic Attics, JACHs, Ripley Heritage Society, Heanor History Society, SLHS, Friends of the Cromford Canal, Codnor History Society, Amber Valley Video Club showing old local film footage, Pentrich Revolution Group, Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group Margaret Brooksbank, Rob Brooksbank Books, the Notts & Derby 1939-1945 displayed the Sherwood Foresters memorabilia spanning WW1 and WW2, including two armoured vehicles.

The day consisted of photographic displays and a DVD compiled and produced by the Somercotes Historical Society, showing a compilation of old photos from 1800 until 2015 mainly due to the skills of John Hales our Vice Chairman. The DVD's are now on sale at £3.95 from the village hall, also the 2016 Calendar. A massive thank you to all the members of the SLHS for all their hard work without it the day would not have been possible. Ladies your cooking skills are without a doubt the best.

This year was particularly hard for all of us in the SLHS, as sadly Gordon our Secretary and founder member died in April; he was totally committed and dedicated to exploring and recording the historical events of the past in the Somercotes area, especially our industrial and social heritage. Gordon was an avid, proactive, member of both the History Society and the Parish Council. He worked tirelessly to promote the village and its heritage. Gordon's work in the community was immeasurable. His enthusiasm and resolve enabled us to secure the National Heritage Lottery funding which was sorely needed to achieve and finish our project. He will be greatly missed by all of us. We sincerely hope we did him proud on the day.

If you purchased raffle tickets on the day would you please check your tickets as no 266 has not been claimed, you are missing out on Sharon's fantastic homemade Christmas cake.

Hazel Mors Chairman



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The National Lottery[®]
through the Heritage Lottery Fund



Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Number
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 Paul Williams Eileen Wilkinson	01773 836907 07768 109674 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 Dey dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	 07723399612 /07926220160 07812 837969
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 Call into a meeting for more details. Linda	01773 836907 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 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 Zumba Fitness Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Rav Paul Paul Williams Paul Williams Dey dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	07963 350868 07768 109674 07768 109674 07812 837969
Saturdays		None at Present		
Sundays	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	Parish Church of St. Thomas Sunday School Coffee after Church Service	Rachel Watson (Churchwarden)	01773 607131

Somercotes Library

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

Opening Hours:

Mon: 2pm – 5pm
Thursdays: 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm
Fridays: 9am -1pm & 2pm – 5pm
Saturdays: 9.30am – 1pm.

The library has a Reader's Group on the first Friday of the month. Contact the library for details of which book is currently being read.

Bank Street Somercotes DE55 4JE Tel: (01773) 540514
E-Mail: somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or view the website www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Home Library Service

The Home Library Service now delivers to around 120 people in the Somercotes area. The service works from Alfreton Library and delivers once a month. For people who enjoy reading or listening to books, but who cannot get into a local library, or for those who are unable to carry the items they need, the service is free and could help. Books, large and normal print, books on tape and CD and also music CD's. All are available.



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

Email: info@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
Coffee Mornings -1st Saturday in the month - 10.00am – 12 noon

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

Parish lunches: Friday 27th November
Christmas Lunch: 18th December
All Lunches, 11:30 am to 1:30pm

Services and Events

Christmas Fayre: 5th December 10.00am to 1.30pm,
lunches served from 11:30am.

Many stalls, tombola, tea and coffee served

Christmas Midnight Mass: 24th Dec 11.30pm

Carol Service: 27th Dec 6.00pm

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.

Memorial Service - December 6th at 3:00pm, refreshments afterwards in our school room.

Carol Service - December 20th at 3:00pm, taken by Rev. M Dilley, and a tea afterwards in our schoolroom.

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.
Prayer Meeting 8am – 10am
Wednesday: Youth Club 7pm - 9pm
Friday: (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.

Welcome to The Reverend Imogen Black

On Monday 19th October 2015, representatives of Somercotes Parish Council welcomed The Revd Imogen Black to Somercotes Parish.

The licensing of the new priest as Priest-in-Charge of Somercotes and Associate Priest of Alfreton, Riddings and Ironville, took place in St Thomas Church at 7:30 pm by the Bishop of Derby and the Archdeacon of Chesterfield. The licensing marks the beginning of a new phase in the personal ministry and in the life of the parishes.

County Matters



If you want to report a matter to Derbyshire County Council you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058 They are open Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 9.30am-4pm



Amber Valley Borough Council, Town Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire Tel: 01773 570222 Planning applications can be viewed and commented on using Amber Valley Borough Council website www.ambervalley.gov.uk then click on the planning application register.



Police Contact Numbers
If you want to contact the Police or Police Community Special Officers to give information or report crime you can telephone:
Non-urgent Police matters 101 (calls charged at 15p) www.derbyshire.police.uk
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Please do report incidents. We are all aware that incidents such as vandalism, theft, etc. are occurring in Somercotes. However, unless the police have reports the assumption (based on reported statistics) is that there are no problems and the end result is that police resource will be redeployed.

Other useful numbers:	
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue	01332 771221
Central Networks	
(Electricity) (loss of supply helpline)	0800 056 8090
Gas Emergency line	0800 111 999
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Severn Trent Water (water leaks and bursts)	0800 783 4444
Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch	01773 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

Question YOUR Perception...

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service strongly advises that you consider the risk of fire to your home and family. By taking a few simple steps, you can prevent a fire occurring in your home, keeping yourself and your family safe from the devastating consequences.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home. Test your smoke alarm weekly.

Plan your escape. Ensure your family is aware of what to do and how to get out if a fire occurs in your home.

Plan a night fire routine. Switch off appliances, close external 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 flammable materials are extinguished properly, use a deep-ashtray when smoking, and never smoke whilst 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

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.

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

Be Alert!

Christmas is coming so please don't let burglars and thieves prosper.

Don't advertise your holiday plans or expensive gifts on social media.

If you are out shopping and buy presents and return them to your car, do not leave them on display, put them in the boot.

Make sure your purses, wallets and credit cards are safe and secure, when out shopping. Don't let opportunist thieves and pick pockets make you a victim.

Be extra careful at ATM's, do not be distracted by anyone behind you.

Don't leave your curtains open in the evenings, where presents are on display under the tree. They may look lovely and thieves will think so too! Hide valuable items and make sure household windows and door are locked even if you are at home.

Be Alert! Don't let criminals spoil your Christmas!

Public Health England

NHS

Have you still not had your flu jab?

Flu is a common infectious illness spread by coughs and sneezes. It can be very unpleasant, but you'll usually begin to feel better within about a week.

However for young children, people aged over 65, people with long-term health conditions and pregnant women flu can be far more serious.

It can lead to serious health complications including bronchitis, pneumonia and ear infections.

A free flu vaccination is offered to those at highest risk of complications thorough GP surgeries, pharmacies and schools.

All children in school years one and two will be offered a free nasal flu vaccine at school.

Younger children aged two, three and four, older people aged over 65 and pregnant women can receive their free vaccination at their GP's surgery.

Keep you and your family healthy and well this winter by making sure they get their flu vaccination.

To find out more visit NHS Choices website.

Twitter
Stay Well This Winter – if you or a member of your family is eligible for a free flu jab make sure to take it up. Find out more here: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Flu/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Facebook
Stay Well This Winter – if you or a member of your family is eligible for a free flu jab make sure to take it up. Find out more about the flu vaccination here: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Flu/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

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.



PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors

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

Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council: Soo Massey
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

In the Lounge of the Village Hall
All PC Meetings will commence at
6.30pm (except after APCM 7pm)

Ordinary PC Meeting: Friday 15th January 2016

Ordinary PC Meeting: Friday 18th March 2016

APCM & Ordinary PC Meeting: Friday 20th May 2016

*Annual Parish Meeting: Friday, 13th May 2016

* Not a Parish Council Meeting

Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

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

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.

