

# Somercotes local

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



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## Allotment Winners!



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 again 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 7th October 2016. Awards were made by Councillor B Lyttle.

A Children's Competition was also held with entries from all three Allotment sites. Recognition was also given to another young gardener – Levi Bradley-Minkley at Bridle lane Allotments, who has worked on a small section of his Grandfathers plot. Councillor Lyttle said 'It is very pleasing that we have more children's entries than last year. It is great to see young people interested in gardening and we would encourage more young people to get involved at the Allotments'.

### 1st Place Winners:

**J Turton (Bridle Lane)**  
**J Cosford (Birchwood Lane)**  
**F&P Key (Sleetmoor Lane)**

### 2nd Place Runners Up

**B Copeland (Bridle Lane)**  
**B Ashmore (Birchwood Lane)**  
**J Skidmore (Sleetmoor Lane)**

### 3rd Places

**S Jackson (Bridle Lane)**  
**B Allard (Birchwood Lane)**  
**P Price (Sleetmoor Lane)**

## The Overall Winner was awarded to J Turton (Bridle Lane)

### Children's Competition

**1st Place Winner Thomas Lowe (Sleetmoor Lane)**    **2nd Place Runner Up Connor McGeachy**  
**3rd Place Riley & Mazie**

## New Councillor



The Council welcomed a new Council Member at the Council meeting on Friday 11th November 2016. Councillor Jason Middleton is a resident of Pye Bridge.

## Concerns on speeding vehicles along Sleetmoor Lane

At the Council Meeting on 22nd July an issue was raised by a resident and speed reduction measures asked for. The Council has raised the matter with both the Police and Derbyshire County Council.

The Council is advised that the Police, the enforcement authority for moving traffic offences are taking an active role in monitoring speed levels along this road by the use of speed hand gun enforcement. Derbyshire County Council, the highways authority advise the Council that: whilst committed to reducing the number of collisions which occur on our roads, a system of prioritisation exists which take into account certain factors including:-

- The number and severity of injury collisions which have occurred in the previous three years and the predicted reduction which will be achieved

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- The number of people who would benefit from the scheme
- The cost of implementation and of future maintenance

The limited funds available are predominantly directed to those locations where there is a history of reported injury collisions. The Council urges all inconsiderate driving by the minority to consider the impact of speeding on other motorists, pedestrians and residents and observe the speed limit at all times.





### Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident

I am pleased to report that the drainage/flooding problem on the top of Somercotes is now hopefully a thing of the past as new pipe work has been installed. I have just got to get the flooding on Charles Street completed and the work on the canal towpath to alleviate flooding there as well.

I am looking to support the Methodist Church on Birchwood Lane with funding for a new kitchen and also working to fund a project at the Somercotes Medical Centre.

As well as supporting the provision at the super kitchen proposal at the Somerlea Centre on Sherwood Street which will link with the Somercotes Medical Centre, which will offer help and advice as an outreach venue for residents.

I have recently given a grant to the local History Group and am in the process of supporting the Girl Guides on their proposed trip abroad.

I am also looking into the possibility of improving the recreation facilities at Pye Bridge in partnership with DCC Community Safety and the Parish Council. If any residents have any thoughts/ideas on this could you let the Parish Council's Clerk know so we can get costings/designs etc so we can get the project moving.

I have been informed that work will start early January on the replacement of Traffic Light Signals on Leabrooks corner, which will be the latest and most modern design available.

Could I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Paul Smith*

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

## Conclusion of Audit

The audit of the Council's accounting records for the year 2015/16 has now been concluded. No matters have been brought to the attention of the External Auditor giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

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### Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2015/16 Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of smaller authority here:

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

#### Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

#### External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below) on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (\*delete as appropriate).

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Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

See attached

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External auditor signature

Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date

22 September 2016

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))

## Emergency Planning

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) is the lead local flood authority within Derbyshire. Their role is to coordinate management of flood risk from local sources such as ordinary watercourses, surface water and groundwater.

To fulfil that role DCC work in partnership with other organisations. Parish and Town Councils play a key role in flood risk management.

The Parish Council at present has agreed to store 200 empty sandbags for use in the community if required.

Please contact the Parish Council Office if you require sandbags in an emergency.



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



### 1936 January 17th

Television, it is stated will be available to London in June but will not be extended to the provinces for at least a year after that.

### 1936 August 28th

According to the latest Court ruling, married couples staying at hotels must register separately. It is not sufficient for a man & woman to be registered as Mr & Mrs.

### 1936 October 2nd

Dipping headlights became compulsory of new motor cars from next Sunday. Another regulation comes into force of January 1st next year by which no car irrespective of age will be allowed on the road unless fitted with a safety glass windscreen.

### 1937 January 15th

An increase of a halfpenny a gallon = the price of number one petrol took effect from yesterday. This is the first change of price since May 1935 when it rose 1d from 1s 5d to its present level of 1s 6d.

### 1937 August 20th

It will be interesting to those who are obliged to use Trolley Buses during Winter that the Midland General Company is taking delivery of 7 double deckers in which a heating system has been installed & the remainder of their vehicles will be adapted as soon as possible.

### 1938 May 11th

The law says a man must not drive a motor car and expect something or somebody to get out of the way. He must drive as if that something or somebody was not going to get out of his way.

### 1940 January 19th

All our Air Raid Sirens in Derbyshire will be sounded at 12.45 pm next Sunday to ensure they are in proper working order.

### 1940 January 26th

The date for the start of Summer Time this year is to be Sunday 25th of February.

### 1940 February 2nd

All building workers will receive an increase of one halfpenny per hour under the new grade rates which came into operation yesterday (Thursday).

### 1940 April 19th

In the Commons yesterday Major LLOYD GEORGE announced that it has been declared to extend the list of controlled prices to include processed loose Peas.

### 1940 November 22nd

There will be no Boxing Day holiday this Christmas. Work in the factories will be resumed after Xmas Day to maintain output of munitions & other essential war supplies'.

# Lest We Forget Book

The Men of Somercotes who appear on the War Memorial

## DVD

WW1 including Somercotes related material

**FOR SALE**  
at Somercotes Village Hall

Book "Lest We Forget" Price £4.95


DVD WW I including Somercotes Related Material  
Price £3.95

Book and DVD Price £8.00


## Lest We Forget




The Men of Somercotes and the local Area  
Who gave their Lives during  
World War One



**Somercotes Local History  
Society Production 2016**



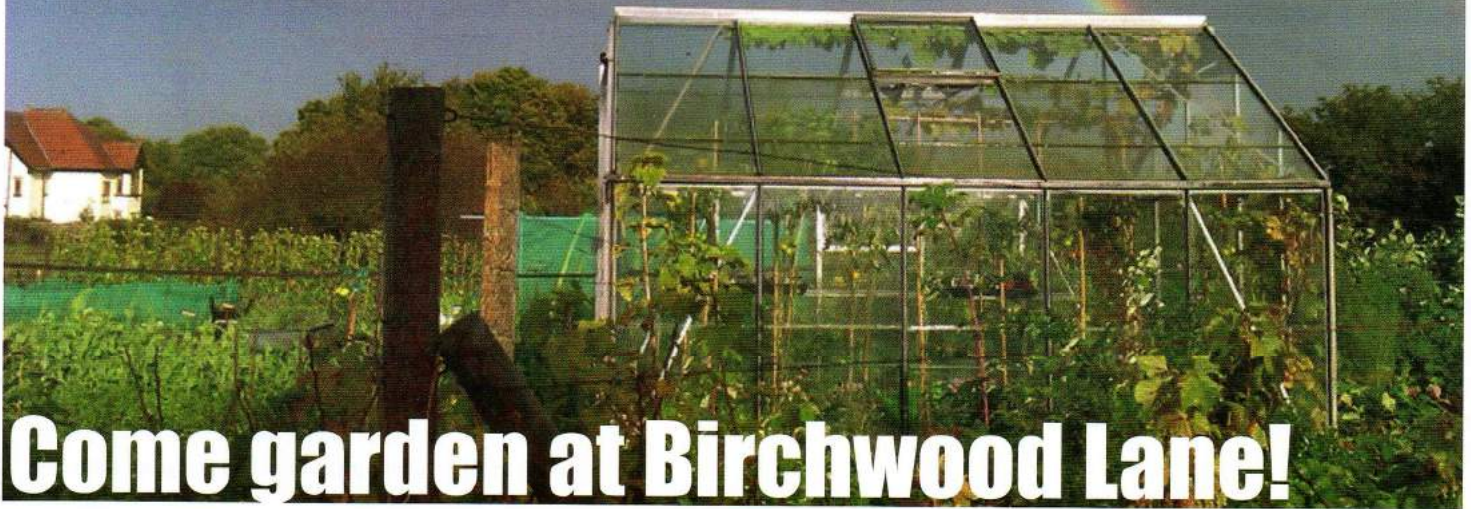
## So Off They Went To War





# BIRCHWOOD LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

## A GREAT PLACE TO GARDEN



# Come garden at Birchwood Lane!

Home grown vegetables have a fresher taste than any bought from a shop, as they are freshly picked, with no food miles! Freshly dug new potatoes have a taste and smell of their own, and are easy to scrape.

Freshly picked runner and dwarf beans cannot be bettered for tenderness, sweetness and taste, and what about fresh newly picked peas? wow!

Grow your own vegetables and fruit, some of our plot holders also keep chickens for fresh eggs, and we allow bee keeping.

General allotment duties can help your fitness regime, being outside in the fresh air, in a tranquil environment, can pick you up, both physically and mentally.

**What ever your reason, you will find an allotment plot rewarding and fulfilling, so apply for one now!**

**Check out our website at [www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk](http://www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk)**

**To rent a plot ring Colin on 07912 887 904**

## Feature Garden Project

The contract for the Feature Garden has now been awarded.

At the Parish Council Meeting on 11th November 2016, members were advised by representatives of Groundwork (Crestra Ltd) that works will likely commence in the third week of January.

The site, is adjacent to the Village Hall, Market Place Car Park and The Co operative Food store. The adjacent public footpath is well used as it is the main route to the local Infant and Junior schools.

The theme of the feature is to celebrate the community by providing information on the community's heritage; buildings and local industry past and present.

The Council hopes that the garden will help to develop a sense of pride and ownership in the community, as volunteers will be helping with some of the work.

The site at present is a bare plot of land. We at the Council have a vision for this to be a welcoming space, accessible to all.

There is an opportunity for the Business Community to be involved in the project and we are asking for local businesses to offer financial support by sponsoring items to be included in the garden such as seating bench, clock pillar, Interpretation board, central feature clock, amongst others.

**Please contact the Clerk to the Council 01773 603810 or email [somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:somercotespc@btconnect.com) for further information.**



Artists impression



As it currently looks



# 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	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	Paul Williams	07768 109674
	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	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Lounge	<b>Cameo Coffee Club</b> Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends	Just call in	
	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	
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey	07812 837969 dlzumba@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
	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
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Cubs</b> Group for boys and girls aged 8 to 10	Paul Williams	07768 109674
	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Somercotes Scouts</b> Group for boys and girls aged 10 to 14	Paul Williams	07768 109674
	7:30 -8:30 pm In the Hall	<b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Dey dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	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> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee after Church Service</b>	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 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

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](http://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

The Revd. Imogen Black 01773 603793

Mobile No: 07949304436

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

### Services and Events

3rd December 10:00am to 1:30pm Christmas Fair  
16th December Parish Xmas Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm in the Village Hall  
18th December 6:00pm Carol Service

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

### Weekly

Sunday 11.00am – 12.00 noon – 'The Jam Club' (Sunday School).

Sunday, All age Family Worship 3.00pm Followed by Refreshments

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

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.00am Care and Share Coffee Morning (except Bank Holiday weeks). Sale of donated items on a weekly basis. Come and find a bargain.

### Monthly (see dates below)

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

Messy Church – First Friday each month 5.00 – 6.30 p.m Bible Stories-Games-Quizzes-Crafts-Food-Singing-Drama

Craft & Cake - First Friday of the month 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. 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.

**CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 3PM  
FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES AND COFFEE**

**CAROL SINGING AT TESCO STORE SATURDAY 24th  
DECEMBER 10.00 am – 12 noon.**

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 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

## PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookspcc.com  
email:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freesevice.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.

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No charge but a donation appreciated.

**Question YOUR Perception...**

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

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

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

Plan a night time routine. Switch off appliances, close internal doors and remember to take a spare key and telephone to bed with you.

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

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

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

For further information and advice please visit our website [www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk)

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## SAFER Neighbourhoods



### Somercotes and Swanwick

### Community Panel Meetings 2017

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

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

The meetings will take place in the Village Hall on Nottingham Road from 6pm on:  
Wednesday, January 25th 2017  
Wednesday, April 26th 2017  
Wednesday, July 26th 2017  
Wednesday, November 1st 2017

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

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

You can also follow the team on Twitter: @SomercotesSNT



Visit the website:

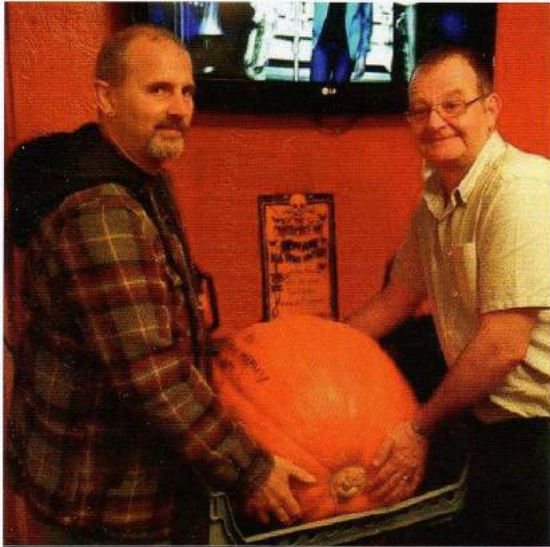
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted\\_trader](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted_trader)

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 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.



# Charity Pumpkin Competition

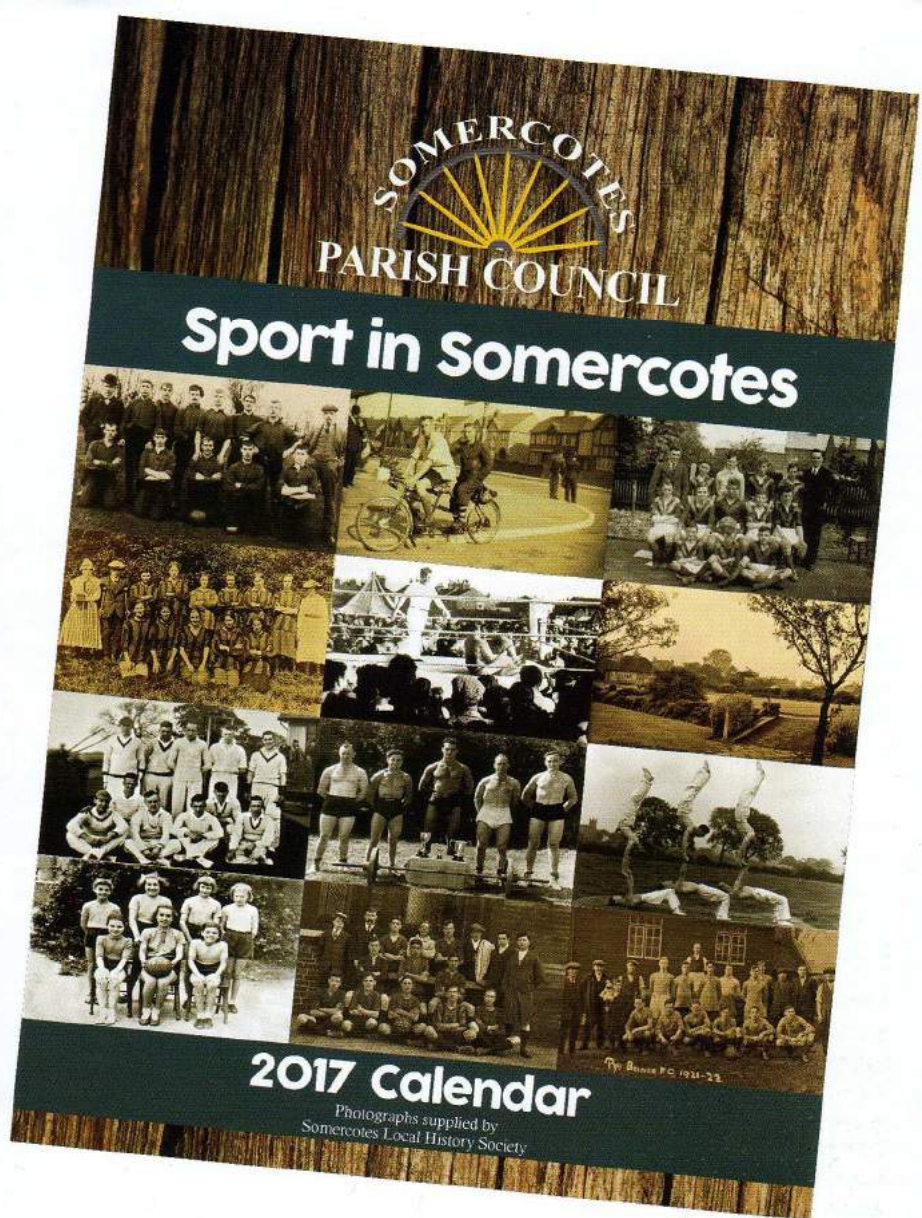


**This year's charity Pumpkin Competition was held at the Crown Inn, Sleetmoor Lane. The Pumpkin was donated by Steve Young, member of Bridle Lane Allotments.**

**Prizes were donated by local businesses and collected by Councillor Paul Price.**

**Fundraising at the Crown Inn has benefitted many charities such as ; Prostate Cancer; Teenage Cancer Trust; Association of Blood Bikes; Meningitis; Parkinson's Disease; Macmillan; Wish Upon A Star; Crohn's & Colitis and Joshua Hart.**

**Why not help with the fundraising? Which is on-going, call in and have a good time!**



## 2017 Calendar now available

**£3.50 each**

**At the Village Hall, Somercotes**

**Opening Hours Tuesday to Friday**

**10.30 am to 2.30 pm**

## 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.**



**Somercotes Parish Council Office Christmas Closing**  
The Council Office will be closed from Monday 26th December 2016 to Monday 2nd January 2017  
Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

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



# 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 John McCabe  
Councillor Sian McCabe  
Councillor J Middleton  
Councillor Jason Parker  
Councillor Paul Price  
Councillor Scott Walker  
No Vacancy

## Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council	Soo Massey	Tel: 01773 603810
Assistant Clerk /RFO	John Richardson	Tel: 01773 603810
Caretaker:	Carol Hopkinson	Tel: 01773 609397
Relief Caretaker	Virginia Smithurst	
Parish Wardens:	Colin Rick   Les Briddon	
Bar Supervisor:	Victoria Jones	

Please make all Booking enquiries for the Hall or Lounge by calling in calling 01773 609397 or 07516 493430 or email: caretaker@somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

For all other enquiries contact:  
Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall,  
Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY  
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk email: Somercotespc@btconnect.com

## Parish Council Meetings

In the lounge of the Village Hall	
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 20th January 2017
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 17th March 2017
Ordinary PC Meeting	Friday 19th May 2017
Annual Parish Meeting	Friday 19th May 2017
(Not a PC Meeting)	(Commences 6:30pm)
Annual Parish Council Meeting	Friday 19th May 2017

All Ordinary PC Meetings commence at 6.30pm, except on 19th May 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm – APCM 7pm)

## Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

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

Saturday 3rd December 2016	Saturday 7th January 2017
Saturday 4th February 2017	Saturday 1st April 2017

All Surgeries 11am to 12noon.  
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 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

Call anonymously with information about crime

## Amber Valley Garden Services TREE SURGERY & HEDGE SPECIALIST

# LOGS FOR SALE

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- TREE PRUNING & TOPPING
- CONIFERS REDUCED OR TAKEN OUT
- LANDSCAPING WORK

Quality Service & High Standard Assured  
Fully Insured

For a Free No Obligation Quote  
**Call Rob on**  
**07841 422 310**  
**or 01773 607 409**

## ALLOTMENTS

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

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

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

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

## DISPOSE OF NEEDLES SAFELY

Modern Living involves many hazards. One problem can be needles and syringes that have been discarded without care. If you find a needle,  
**DO NOT PICK IT UP!** Please call Amber Valley Borough Council's needle hotline 08000 92 51 31 free anytime day or night. Their aim is to collect a needle within two hours of any reported incident.

You are **WARMLY** invited to  
Somercotes Parish Councils  
*Candlelit Christmas*

# Carol Service

In the St. Thomas Parish Church of Somercotes

Friday, 9th December, 2016 at 7:30 pm

With the Heage Band and singing by Somercotes Guides, Brownies and Rainbows  
Seasonal Refreshments after the Service in the Village Hall  
All Welcome!



## 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**

## Dog Fouling & Litter

The Parish Council takes the offences of dog fouling & litter very seriously, and would ask that people pick up their dogs mess – The Council provides FREE Poop Scoop bags and these are available at The Village Hall, Stop N Shop Convenience Store, Nottingham Road and Somerlea Park Centre (on the Recreation Ground). There is no reason why Somercotes should not be free of dog mess (that can cause serious illness to children).

Litter is another problem that need not happen, but there is an element of many, particularly younger people who seem to think chucking down litter is normal. Keeping a clean environment is essential for future generations to be able to enjoy green space. So please put litter in the nearest litter bin or take it home.

Amber Valley Wardens have been instructed to prosecute offenders, for dog fouling & litter in public places, so you have been warned.



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