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New Ash Green Village Association Newsletter

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Welcome ...

... to the first online newsletter from New Ash Green Village Association for residents of our wonderful village. The VA wants to ensure that residents are kept up to date with all that is going on here and explain how we are working on behalf of all our villagers. These newsletters will be published as regularly as possible but only when we have something useful to say so that we do not overwhelm your inboxes.

From the Chairman

Having joined the Village Association's Council of Management (CoM) in 2015 and served as Chairman for the last year, Bruce Clarke has decided to step back as both Chairman and from CoM due to increasing work commitments. On behalf of the remaining members of CoM and the village, I would like to thank Bruce for the time he has devoted to the village and we are grateful Bruce has agreed to remain as a consultant member and be on hand to offer valuable advice and continued support. As such Duncan Mackway-Jones has agreed to take on the role of Vice Chairman and Dean Gorton the role of Chairman. Here is a full list of the New Ash Green residents volunteering on the Council of Management...

- Bob Ashford (Property)
- Sharon Brine (Residents Society Liaison)
- Cameron Clark (Communications & Fund Raising)
- Stephanie Clarke (Greenlands)
- Simon Cornelius
- Muriel Galinis (Treasurer)
- Dean Gorton (Chairman)
- Duncan Mackway-Jones (Hardlands & Vice Chairman)
- Raymond Viney (Fund Raising)
- Terry Vivian (Hardlands)

The Orchard



Have you visited the Orchard recently, at the bottom end of the Minnis? The Woodlands Group was working hard last winter to improve this asset which belongs to everyone. Hopefully in September we will see the fruits – literally – of their labours in the form of a good crop of apples. The Woodlands Group are volunteers who are passionate about our green environment and who want to make a difference. They are independent of the VA but work closely with the VA's Greenland Management team. More people are always welcome to join them, no experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of nature. Contact them at <https://nagwoodlands.chessck.co.uk/>.

Policing and antisocial behaviour



The Village Association does not have any formal role in crime prevention because other organisations are much better equipped for this, but it is part of the Parish Council's regular Focus Group meetings which are attended by the Sevenoaks Community Safety Unit (CSU), community wardens and Police. They are an opportunity to highlight any issues of concern and ask for action to be taken. At the last meeting several people commented on antisocial behaviour issues but it was apparent that in many cases they had not been reported through the official channels. Reporting is important because it shows where preventative action needs to be focussed.

The CSU is a great way for partners to address current concerns and have a speedy and effective response to residents of which all are updated. It has great initiatives for residents in rural and urban areas to keep them safe and their belongings safe. The CCTV in the village centre is monitored and recorded by Sevenoaks Council so any reports can be followed up if there is a record of where and when the incident occurred.

To report or receive advice on: anti-social behaviour, flytipping, graffiti, issues about licensed premises, abandoned vehicles, environmental and noise nuisance, crime reduction advice, neighbourhood watch and other community safety issues, call 01732 227000 or e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk. If life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always call 999. For non-urgent Police matters call 101. You can give information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers 0800 555111 or online at www.crimestoppersuk.org.

Help with Car Parking



A major project by the Village Association is now close to being realised. Finding available parking spaces in several parts of the village is often a challenge and the VA has long had a desire to create more. Millfield and the surrounding area is one of the worst parts of the village in this respect because the original design of the neighbourhood had fewer parking spaces than any others. This leads to cars being parked, sometimes dangerously, on roads and in other neighbourhoods.

Plans were drawn up to create extra off-street parking alongside Millfield Lane, to provide more room and relocate some of the vehicles which currently restrict the road to a single lane and block visibility at the junctions. Obtaining planning permission proved to be challenging because of the loss of land designated as open space but it was finally achieved at the end of 2021, albeit with conditions that have increased the complexity and cost of the construction. Negotiations with contractors are now well advanced so work should start soon.

Pavilion News



NAG Social have kindly donated a second automatic emergency heart defibrillator to our village! which has now been installed at the Pavilion! This is in addition to the defibrillator NAG Social donated to the village in 2019.

Both are held in bright yellow locked external cabinets, one outside the VA office in the centre of the Village, and the second outside the Pavilion overlooking the sports field, ensuring the defibrillators are available 24 hours a day. Should anyone need to use these devices you should call 999 and the emergency services operator will confirm the device is available and give you the key code to access it. Below is a link to a short video showing how to use the device

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5ZPLXdXPBc>





We're hiring! We just keep getting busier and busier!
Bar, kitchen and cleaning roles available.

Part time, summer holidays or maybe a second job, drop an email to manager@nagpavilion.co.uk. Experience a bonus but not essential, we are looking for great people to join our great team!

We're looking for passionate, hardworking individuals, preferably with previous experience in a busy kitchen/bar environment:

- Assistant to our chef.
- Bar staff.
- Cleaner.

More info or to send in a CV please email manager@nagpavilion.co.uk.

At the Pavilion:

Friday 29th July - Double Barrel Reggae & Ska
Saturday 6th August - Zac Schulze Gang
Friday 23rd September - Rock, Paper, Scissors
Saturday 8th October - Ruby Soup
Saturday 19th November - Gaz Hedge Gold
Saturday 17th December - Shut Up & Dance



Power to your Garage?

We appreciate there are residents who would like to run power to their garages, but their garage is either *en bloc* or not adjacent to their property, so this was not generally possible. With these needs in mind, the VA has reviewed the available options. As a result, there are now two new policies in place which explain how to get power to garages, depending on the location.

The first policy applies if the garage near the house and power can be provided from an existing domestic supply. This means we can, subject to certain restrictions, let you run a cable across amenity land from your property to the garage.

The second policy applies if the first is either impossible or impractical because the garage is too far from the house. This option, subject to certain restrictions, is a new metered connection which would be installed by UK Power Networks to their existing framework nearest to the garage.

You will need to apply to the VA for permission; given the differences in layout across the various neighbourhoods, each application will be reviewed on its individual merit.

It is important to note that if an installation is for vehicle charging, it should be of a suitable capacity. This should be discussed with your installer beforehand as this may affect the type of connection needed.

For further details, please contact the office at admin@nagval.com or 01474 872691.



Vacancy – can you help?



**NEW ASH GREEN
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

If you have a qualification in:

- Architecture
- Landscape
- Planning
- Estate Management
- or a related field

We would value your expert input as a member of the Amenity Committee.

If you're interested in being part of the team, please get in touch! amenitycommittee@nagval.com

NAGVAL | AMENITY COMMITTEE

The Amenity Committee of the Village Association ensures that the design principles set by the founders of New Ash Green are upheld. They review and approve all proposals for changing the appearance of any features within the village. The members of the Committee are all volunteers who give their time because they want to help to maintain the attractive environment in which we live. That does not mean preserving everything as it was - we have to move with the times. Many features that are now commonplace were never thought of when the village was designed, such as solar panels or UPVC windows, so the key is to ensure that any alterations are in keeping with the original concept.

Do you have skills in, for example, architecture, landscape, planning or estate management? If so, please do contact amenitycommittee@nagval.com to discuss whether you could spare a little time for this important work and help to maintain the high standards set by Eric Lyons and his team when they designed New Ash Green.

Residents' Societies Forum



Greenlands Forum
7 June 2022

This is an opportunity for the VA to work with all Residents' Societies to develop clear lines of communication. To date we have held 4 forums covering:

- The VA's role
- Communications between Residents, Residents' Societies and the VA
- Amenities within the Village
- The wider Village Greenlands

So far 16 of the 24 Residents' Societies have attended. Is your Society represented?

Allotments available



The 120 allotments on Northfield, behind the Black Lion pub, are owned by the Village Association and run by the New Ash Green Horticultural Association. A few allotments are available to rent at the present time so if you are interested, please contact newashgreenallotments@gmail.com or see the website at <https://www.nagallotments.org.uk/home>.

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