

Ashby's Christmas Weekend

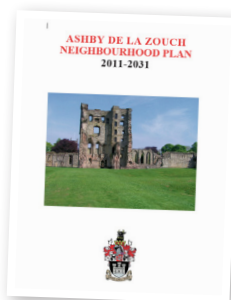
Building on the success of the previous Christmas Food & Drink Fairs organised by Food Gusto, the town council are working in partnership with Ashby BID to bring Christmas to Ashby across the first weekend of December. On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December Christmas shopping, live entertainment and more will be taking place throughout the town centre. Children from local nurseries and schools will be taking to the stage during both days with live entertainment later in the day from The Voice finalist; Sheena McHugh on Saturday and local singer Gary Priestley on Sunday.



There will be festive fun for all the family with fairground rides, Santa and his sleigh and a visit from the Fairy Godmother. With plenty of craft and gift stalls as well as hot food and drinks galore you can look forward to all the usual treats of Ashby's Christmas weekend but with a few new extra surprises. Join us in celebrating the most wonderful time of the year!

Ashby Neighbourhood Plan Review

Ashby's Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the Local Development Plan. It is 5 years old and is now being reviewed and updated. When this work is complete, it will go to public consultation and be "examined" by a Government Planning Inspector before the new version can come into force.



The Town Council is leading the review and has



set up a steering group and several working groups where members of the public are looking at the current policies in detail and recommending improvements and potential new policies. We have nearly completed our housing policies and are making good progress on the environmental policies. A new working group has recently begun work on the remaining policy areas, including transport and town centre issues. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Town Clerk.

Carbon Audit

The Town Council has completed an audit of its carbon footprint. Emissions are split three ways between heating council buildings, electricity use for buildings and streetlights and finally fuel use for the councils' parks department vehicles and mowers. The results of this audit are being used to help with fulfilling the Council's aim of achieving net zero by 2030. The introduction of LED lighting into the council house this year has already seen both positive environmental impact and a financial saving, which will allow the council to spend money on other priorities.



2024 Plans

Look out for details of all the events being planned for 2024 in the next issue of Ashby Life. As well as the usual favourites such as Jim's Tractor Run, Ashby Statues, Ashby Sport's fun day and Ashby Arts Festival there will be a whole host of new and exciting events to look forward to. The town council are also planning event to take place on 6th June to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.