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# ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – November 2014

## **Skate Park**

As you will be aware for the last four years the Parish Council has been actively working to provide a skate park in King George Playing Field, Ashingdon. We have worked with Greensward Academy, King Edmund School, Rochford Youth Council, Neighbourhood Police, Essex Youth Services, Residents, Skateboarders and regular users of the field to come up with a design and location.

In June 2011 we started to liaise with Rochford District Council (RDC) Planning Department. They wanted the park located away from neighbouring properties and sunk into the ground.

Throughout 2012/2013 the Parish Council liaised closely with RDC Open Spaces Department, Planning and Arboricultural Officer. Due to these discussions the skate park design was amended and it was relocated to in front of the basketball court with RDC agreeing to the loss of one, underused, football pitch.

February 2014 the planning application was ready to be submitted when, out of the blue, RDC withdrew permission for the skate park in the mutually agreed location. Permission was now being given only if the skate park was located by the boundary hedge of neighbouring properties in Highcliff Crescent. The complete opposite of their original advice. Needless to say on consulting the residents most affected none were in favour and all queried the location change. The Parish Council wrote to RDC Chief Executive enclosing a timeline and the conflicting advice but to no avail.

Therefore, the Parish Council has decided not to pursue the provision of a skate park. We cannot place a skate park next to residents' homes. This decision was taken with a heavy heart and huge disappointment as we still believe this is much needed facility in the area. I would like to thank everyone who had input into this project, freely giving up their time.

As a Parish Council we did everything that was asked of us by RDC but, sadly, it has all come to nothing.

Well done to 1st Ashingdon Cub pack for winning the Crouch Valley District Skills Trophy.



**Christmas Buffet**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – 3pm**



The Parish Council will be holding the Christmas Buffet at Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 from 1pm – 3pm. There will be representations from the local WI, U3A, Scout group, Rochford District Council Community Safety Partnership and the local Neighbourhood Watch.

We are happy to announce that pupils from Ashingdon Primary School will be performing Christmas carols at 1.30pm.

Entry is free, so come along and enjoy some delicious food and drink. A raffle will be held, all proceeds to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

**Grant Applications**

The Parish Council have a pot of money available that community groups can apply for. If your group could benefit from a grant from the Parish Council, contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 for an application form.

**Essex Textiles – Kerbside Recycling scheme**

The District and Parish Councils always encourage items to be reused whenever possible. Essex Textiles collect reusable items that are in a good clean condition, straight from your doorstep. Items collected include clothing, shoes, bags, belts, hats, Bedding (clean and usable), towels (clean and usable) and books.

Essex Textiles deliver blue bags to your door and these can be used for the items listed above. Simply place the bags out next to your recyclables bin by 7am on your collection day. Please do not place bags out overnight as items which are wet cannot be used.

If you would prefer booking a collection, or if you need some blue bags, contact Essex Textiles on 0800 787 9071 or visit [www.essextextiles.co.uk](http://www.essextextiles.co.uk).

**Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall Committee Annual General Meeting**

Residents of Ashingdon and East Hawkwell are invited to attend the Annual General meeting of the hall committee on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon.

**Wyvern Community Transport**

The 174 shopper bus serves Essex Marina Canewdon, Dome Village, Rochford Square, Tesco, Southend Hospital, Hamlet Court Road, Southend Central Railway Station (Tuesday and Saturday).

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 journeys will start and finish at Canewdon and will not serve Riverside Village Caravan Park, Essex Marina (Wallasea Island).

This service is open to the general public and can be accessed as an hail and ride in the rural area of the route and be joined at all service bus stops on route.

**Cost**

- The cost of a journey will be £3.00 flat fare (single or return)
- Children aged 5 to 16 travel half price
- Children under 5 travel free
- If you hold a concessionary bus pass you will need to show your pass to receive free travel.

Also Ashingdon residents are able to use the SB72 which travels through Ashingdon road via Hockley spa in to Rayleigh service operates Wednesday and Friday.

**Citizen's Advice Bureau**

Calls to Rochford & Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau are now cheaper and it's easier for residents to get advice from ourselves by telephone.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 the bureau joined with Citizens Advice Adviceline. Calls will be to 0344 477 0808 charged at local landline rates. Calls will be answered locally but if no local operator an overflow system will operate enabling calls to be answered by an assessor at the national call centre. Clients needing further help will be referred for full advice. Clients will have a numbered place in the queue, so they can decide whether to wait or try again later.

Email advice is also available see [www.rochfordcab.org.uk](http://www.rochfordcab.org.uk).



**Dates for your diary**



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 7pm – 8pm**  
**Local Community Meeting**  
Rochford Parish Council Rooms,  
West Street, Rochford

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – 3pm**  
**Christmas Buffet**  
Ashingdon Memorial Hall  
Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon