



AUTUMN 2024 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS MARKET



The Village Council will be holding the annual Christmas Market on Friday, 29th November from 2pm until 5pm in the Village Centre. Father Christmas will be making an appearance and there will also be mulled wine, plenty of stalls and a festive atmosphere!

If you would like a pitch at the market, please send an email to clerk@ashurstwood-vc.gov.uk for a booking form.

WINTER MANAGEMENT

A reminder that Ashurst Wood has grit salt bins located around the village to be used on public pavements and roads, especially at junctions. The grit is *not* for private use. Residents are encouraged to help spread grit salt in areas that need it. In the event of snow, the Council relies on residents to help keep pavements, especially outside their own property, clear in order to help maintain safe pedestrian access.

HANDYMAN/WOMAN VACANCY

The Village Council still has a vacancy for a part-time Handyperson (5 hours per week). Salary from £13.50 per hour (negotiable). The Council will also consider appointing an independent contractor (rates negotiable; responsible for own tax, insurance, invoicing etc). Please contact the office for more information.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

Residents are invited to pay their respects at a service at the War Memorial from 10.50am immediately after the 10am service at St Dunstan's Church. Please note that temporary road closures will be in place in the vicinity of the War Memorial from 10.50am until 11.15am.



TOY LIBRARY

The new FREE TO BORROW Toy Library for 5's and under will be open again on Wednesday, 16th October and Wednesday, 13th November. If you are unable to make these dates, please contact the office to see if there is a mutually convenient date for you to visit.

BUG HOTEL

The Village Council has liaised with West Sussex Highways to introduce a BUG HOTEL, which will be placed on Bishops Green between the walnut tree and the bench. It is hoped that residents will enjoy seeing all the bees and bugs using the hotel next year.



WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

The Village Council has produced a welcome pack for people moving into the Village. This includes a Village Guide, which is full of useful information for residents, as well as a walks leaflet and a pen.

If you are new to the village, or know someone who is moving here or has recently arrived, please let the office know and a Councillor will pop round with the welcome pack.

Copies are also available from the office and the Village Guide will be on the website for anyone to read.



**Saturday 10th May 2025
Noon-3pm at the Village
Centre**

**Free Entry
(donations to Royal British Legion)**

All are welcome to attend the Village Council's event to mark VE Day 80. Stephanie Belle will entertain us with songs from the 1940s. There will be a licensed bar, the Harbour Fish & Chip Van, the Ashurst Wood Historians, cake stall, military vehicles and games for children.

Fancy dress is optional!



The Council receives regular complaints from pedestrians who struggle to make their way around the village. Parked cars can obstruct the pavement and force pedestrians into the road. This is dangerous, particularly for blind or partially sighted people, parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users, children and anyone with restricted mobility or other disabilities. Driving on a pavement is illegal, as is causing an obstruction.

You should also avoid parking within 10 metres of a junction as this impairs visibility.

If you own a vehicle and cannot park on your own land then please show consideration to others and do not block access for pedestrians.

OVERGROWN HEDGES and trees are also a hazard which can cause injuries and prevent people from walking on pavements. As a property owner or occupier, you are legally responsible for keeping your hedges and trees cut right back to your boundary and ensuring that no vegetation encroaches onto the public highway (which includes pavements). Please ensure that you do so.