

Dalbury Lees Parish Council Newsletter – November 2020

Earlier this year your Council produced a series of newsletters to provide information during the lockdown. It was distributed within the Parish by a growing accumulation of email addresses. Universal feedback was that this was useful information and, although asked, nobody said that they wanted to have their email addresses to be removed from the circulation list.

If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter it is because the Council does not yet have an email address contact for your dwelling. If you wish to receive future newsletters by email please could you send an email requesting this to the Parish Council clerk – clerk@dalburyleesparishcouncil.gov.uk

It is hoped that the Parish is now well used to supporting itself in these fraught times but if help is required then your council is prepared to help facilitate its provision.

Your council has decided to use this means of communication, together with its website, noticeboards, word of mouth and paper flyers to distribute further information. Again, if anyone wishes to have their email address removed from this circulation list please reply to that effect to this email.

Council website address <https://www.dalburyleesparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

General Data Protection Policy

At its virtual meeting on Monday 9 November 2020 the council adopted a General Data Protection Policy. For more detail please see the Parish Council website.

Climate Change Statement and Strategy

Similarly, at its meeting in September the Council agreed a Climate Change Statement and Strategy which is already being implemented. Please see the website for the statement in full.

Green Homes Grant Scheme

Many of you will already be aware: - The Government has announced a Green Homes Grant Scheme to sponsor the reduction of a household's impact on Climate Change. Vouchers are available worth up to £5,000 or £10,000 to help cover the cost of making energy efficient improvements to your home (such as insulation or installing low-carbon heating). You must redeem the voucher and ensure improvements are completed by 31 March 2021. For more details and to check if you are eligible go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grantscheme>

Tree Planting

Again, under the umbrella its Climate Change Strategy your Council has applied for and succeeding in obtaining a variety of in excess of over 100 native British saplings (including Rowen, Silver birch, Wild cherry, Oak, Field maple, Grey willow) from the Woodland Trust. An area within the grazing part of the Allotment Field has been fenced off to enable the planting

of around 70 of these saplings. Others are to be planted around the composting area within the Allotments. There may be some left over for planting elsewhere in the Parish and will be available to interested parishioners on a first come first served basis - please contact Jim Archer on 01332 824382 for further details.

Allotments available

Another angle on Climate Change – reducing food miles and a healthy, rewarding pursuit as well. Currently there are three allotments available for rent. There is no rent payable until next March. This year the rent was £15 (reviewable annually). Please contact the Clerk to register an interest.

Fuel Oil Ordering

A scheme has been run by Rural Action Derbyshire for some years now. It facilitates the aggregation of demand for fuel oil across the County and then orders it at preferential rates. Again, this has a climate change angle – it potentially means that one oil tanker delivers to several in an area rather than multiple visits.

<https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/oil>

Website accessibility

Dalbury Lees Parish Council acknowledges the requirement to comply with The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018. An investigation has been carried out and at the most recent Parish Council meeting on 21 September 2020 a strategy was agreed to revise historic content as necessary and ensure future content changes are compliant. Please see the website for further information.

Accessing information about local and government services

Please reference the council website for details. This includes how to ask the service provides: - Parish Council, South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council, Member of Parliament and Police for help.

<https://www.dalburyleesparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Government Covid Information

Current guidance can be found via this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#stay-at-home>

Police / Highway Matters

Parking on pavements is not illegal unless an obstruction is caused- i.e. a pedestrian/ wheelchair/pushchair etc unable to physically pass. If this is the case at any time it can be reported via 101 for police officers to look at.

Speeding concerns can be reported via CREST – see link. <https://www.crestderbyshire.org/>

Non-emergency police contact is via: -

Telephone – 101

Online- <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

Social media direct messages-

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Derbyshire-Constabulary/110982222999>

<https://twitter.com/derpolcontact?lang=en>

Miscellaneous

Rotten posts / broken chain hooks replaced around village green. Stolen piece of chain replaced. Green noticeboard repainted; Dalbury noticeboard additional backing installed. Bulbs planted on Green, verge opposition village hall and in grass triangle at Long Lane junction. Commemoration Poppies put up around Parish. Defibrillator testing continues.

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