

Dear Residents,

Christmas is approaching and this year we are planning our very own Ashurst Wood Christmas Tree, see below.

1. Christmas decorations: As mentioned above, thanks to Graham Keenor who is donating the tree and the Village Centre Trustees, there will be for the first time an illuminated tree outside the Village Centre. The Parish Council has arranged for the installation of an outside power socket and will provide the lights. It is hoped that this will become a regular feature of Christmas in Ashurst Wood.
2. Christmas Market: A final reminder for the Christmas Market at the Village Centre on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3:00pm – 7:00pm, lots of stalls, entertainment and food. Why not come along and do some of your Christmas shopping?
3. Broadband Internet: Mid-Sussex want to find out who uses broadband for their internet connection and their level of service. This will enable them to contact BT to try and get improvements prioritised. They have issued a questionnaire which is attached. Please take part if you broadband speed is low (or not available at all).
4. Dog Fouling: The Parish Council has had many reports of dog excrement left on pavements, especially in School Lane near the school. As well as being unsocial it is unhygienic and illegal. Mid-Sussex have taken on more powers to prosecute persistent offenders. There are a number of dog bins in the village, including outside the school, so we would ask dog walkers to make sure they take a bag with them and then put any excrement in a bin. If you know of areas that are regularly affected by this problem please contact Susan Wellerd 01342 824154 or [clerk@ashurstwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ashurstwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) . Also Mid-Sussex District Council are running a competition to encourage dog owners to act responsibly, details and stickers are available from the Parish Council office and the Christmas Market. There are prizes to be won!
5. Parking on pavements: this topic was raised again at the November Neighbourhood Panel meeting with the police. The police pointed out that if cars are parked so far on to the pavement so that a wheelchair or pushchair cannot pass this is a prosecutable offence and they will act. If you know of persistent offenders then please report it to Susan Wellerd 01342 824154 or [clerk@ashurstwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ashurstwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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