

## Contact the Council

### Office address:

20-22 Maypole Road  
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### Office hours:

Monday - Wednesday, 9am – 12.30pm  
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### Christmas Market

The Christmas Market this year will be held on Friday, 26th November 2021 in the Village Centre. Booking forms for stall holders will be available from September. Email [clerk@ashurstwood-vc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ashurstwood-vc.gov.uk) for more details



**MSDC Play Days on Tour**  
Summer 2021

COVID-19 SAFE

The activity fun bus is coming to...

John Pears Field,  
Ashurst Wood  
RH19 3TQ

Thursday 26th August  
1 – 3 pm  
Free event

Activities: Arts, Music, Circus Skills, Sports and lots more ....

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/playdays](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/playdays)

26<sup>th</sup> August 1-3 pm

Children of all ages are welcome at this event at John Pears Field organised by Mid Sussex District Council. Activities will include art and games, circus skills, golf, how to DJ, taekwondo, basketball, puppet, learn about recycling.



**ASHURST WOOD  
STREET PARTY**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

2pm - 5pm, Village Centre  
Maypole Road, Ashurst Wood

**FREE EVENT LIVE MUSIC**

Bring your own picnic, blanket and alcoholic drinks  
Tea and cakes and ice cream van available  
Event to commemorate last year's 75th anniversary of VE/VJ Day  
Dress up in 40s costumes  
History exhibition – as you walk round the exhibits, listen to Churchill's victory speech and 40s music.

Collection for **Help for Heroes**

Please walk to the event as no parking available on site; some parking for the disabled

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**ASHURST WOOD  
Village Council**

## SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE



The Village Council has been sharing the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) with 5 other parishes in the area. The Council has now purchased its own SID in response to concerns over speeding in some parts of the Village. The device will be placed in various locations and will serve as a reminder for residents and those who pass through the village to keep their speed in check. It will also collect data about traffic numbers and speeds.

## Planning News

A second application for a 23m telecommunications monopole and equipment cabinets on the A22 close to Hectors Lane was refused on highway safety grounds.

Ashgrove Homes has recently distributed a leaflet outlining plans to build 45 flats on the Wealden House Life Improvement Centre site in Lewes Road. The company already has permission, granted on appeal, to build 54 flats on the adjacent former EDF site. The Village Council's response to the leaflet can be seen on the website.

## West Sussex Transport Plan Review

The draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022 - 2036 has been published for public consultation until 8th October 2021. Key issues include transport emissions & climate change, a growing & ageing population, rural isolation, public health & wellbeing, congestion & road safety. To read the documents and leave your comments, visit: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/wstpconsultation](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/wstpconsultation)

**Village Centre:** Visit <https://ashurstwoodvillagecentre.wordpress.com/> for information about regular activities and hiring the hall for private events

**John Pears Pavilion:** Contact the clerk for enquiries about hiring the Pavilion

## Annual return for 2020-2021

The Annual Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 has been submitted to the External Auditor. A summary of the income and expenditure for the year is set out below and the full unaudited return is available to inspect at the Council's office by prior appointment. It can be also viewed on the finance page of the Council's website.

### Notes to the Accounts

#### Staff:

The Council employs a Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer/Assistant Clerk, Youth Leader, Assistant Youth Worker, Cleaner and Village Handyman. Staff costs include PAYE, pensions and National Insurance payments.

#### Grants:

Grants were awarded to:  
Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey & Sussex  
East Grinstead & District Age UK  
4 Sight Vision Support  
Royal British Legion  
Ashurst Wood Primary School

#### Cash and Investments:

Current Account	£23,059.15
Prepaid debit cards	£28.11
Public Sector Deposit Fund	£43,181.67

**Value of fixed assets:** £424,948

#### Loans:

Total borrowings  
(Council office and meeting room): £133,285

Balances and reserves at start of year: £57,824

Balances and reserves at end of year: £68,046

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<b>INCOME</b>	
Precept	69500.00
John Pears Management Agreement	1271.00
PV Feed-in tariff	2177.00
Other income (grants, interest)	325.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>73273.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Staff costs	38812.00
Loan repayments	9364.00
Office costs and equipment	2384.00
Street Furniture	1747.00
Community shopping bus	0.00
Utilities and grounds maintenance	206.00
Civic Amenity Collections	685.00
Street lighting maintenance	1360.00
Street lighting supply	577.00
Insurance	896.00
Subscriptions	1229.00
Grants awarded	1750.00
FRPC Burial Ground Contribution	400.00
Travel, training, entertainment	605.00
Building maintenance	210.00
Garden and properties maintenance	104.00
Events (Premises Licence)	70.00
Website and Publicity	431.00
Audit	600.00
Dog Bin collections	906.00
Community equipment	515.00
Youth Club expenses	0.00
John Pears games wall rent	200.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>63051.00</b>

**Your Village Councillors:** Jenny Forbes (Chair), Brian Phillips (Vice-Chair), Yvonne Arnott, Trudy Draper, Janet Haite, James Lee, David Loveday, Bob Spoor, Alice Tyrell.

**Village Council Clerk:** Rebecca Roberts, **RFO/Assistant Clerk:** Samantha Booker

**Mid Sussex District Councillor:** John Belsey **West Sussex County Councillor:** Jacquie Russell

*All Councillors can be contacted through the Clerk*