





Ashwell Parish Council

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**News items from the Parish Council. The main points from the Parish Council meeting held in April are included below:**



-  **Ashwell Post Office – Please contact us.**  
The Post Office service from the Parish Rooms was reduced to 2 x 3hr sessions from January. Following negotiations the PO has agreed to review the service level if there is evidence of sufficient demand. So if you are finding that the service in Ashwell cannot meet your needs please email or write to the Parish Council Clerk at the above address setting out in what way the current service is inadequate.
  
-  The 'OWL' Neighbourhood Watch scheme that we're all familiar with has now been replaced by Herts Connected. To join the new scheme so you can receive alerts of suspicious or unlawful activities in our area go to:  
<https://hertsconnected.co.uk/>  
  
Alternatively call 101 the non-urgent Police number for further information and advice
  
- **Other Parish Council News**
  - **Pavilion.** At the March Parish Meeting the costs of renovating or replacing the current Pavilion and how to fund the work were discussed. It was clear that there were some differing views among Parishioners on the topic. So a consultation document containing background information and various options for the future of the Pavilion will be prepared for all to respond to. Anyone interested in joining a working Group on this project please contact the Clerk.
  
  - **Access to the Station.** Pedestrian & cycle access to Ashwell & Morden station remains inadequate with significant safety concerns caused by the lack of a footpath once leaving Hertfordshire & entering Cambridgeshire. Adequate parking at the Station is also problematic with approach roads lined with parked cars on the verges. Discussions with landowners and Council representatives have been ongoing for many years, but a clear timetable and plan for completing the footpath has still not been agreed. The fact that the missing facilities lie in Cambridgeshire is a key issue. Nevertheless the Parish Council remains committed to pushing for a solution.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – 7PM Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024**