

# The Ashwell Show

## Ashwell's Great Family Day Out

This year's Ashwell Show proved to be a crowd-pleaser once again. All the Ashwell Show favourites were there to keep visitors entertained, including the birds of prey demonstration, vintage cars, tractors, craft tent, and craft demonstrations. For families, there was lots of fun to be had, with free face painting, a children's craft tent, a children's entertainer, a Punch and Judy Show, a mini farm, pony rides, and a reptile tent.

The horse show continues to go from strength to strength. There were more than 100 competitors this year, taking part in both showing and clear round jumping. The dog show was also great fun as usual, with prizes handed out for everything from best in breeds, to the waggiest tail award. Be sure to bring your dog down next year to join in the fun.

This year the Ashwell Show played host to a forest school, where children of all ages got the chance to get a bit closer to nature and enjoy some wholesome fun. Forest activities included mixing up treats in the mud kitchen, mud painting, making clay creatures, creating stick men, and even learning how to make a bow and arrow.

When it comes to food, this year's show was a treat for the taste buds, with more choice than ever before, including wood-fired pizza, homemade Indian cuisine, gourmet toasties, delicious pulled meat, and South African street food, to name just a few. For those with a sweet tooth, the Ashwell WI did a sterling job of serving up tea and cakes, and also took on the difficult task of judging the hotly contended Ashwell's Bake-Off competition, which saw Julie Smith take home the trophy for 2018.

Ashville was back for its second year and proved its spirits couldn't be dampened by the weather. Ashville is a free live music night for the village, held the evening before the show on the showground, with a laid-back family-friendly festival



The Essex Dog Display Team. Photo by Chris Frazer Smith

vibe. Attendees brought their own picnics and enjoyed a whole host of musical performances. Judging by the amount of beer consumed, it was a great success! Keep a look out on [www.ashvillefestival.co.uk](http://www.ashvillefestival.co.uk) for more information on Ashville 2019.

### Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to all those clubs, societies, organisations and individuals who helped to organise, set-up and clear up, man the gate and car parks, and provide activities on the day. The committee works hard throughout the year but we simply couldn't have put on the Show without your help. And thank you to everyone who came to the Show on the day – we really appreciate your support, hope you had a great time and hope to see you again on August bank holiday 2019.



The Essex Dog Display Team. Photo by Chris Frazer Smith



Raptor Display at the Ashwell Show 2018. Photo by Chris Frazer Smith



Historical Society re-enactment. Photo by Chris Frazer Smith

## Want to Join the Ashwell Show Committee?

If you have any time, expertise, or ideas for the Ashwell Show then we would love to hear from you. We currently have vacancies in a number of committee posts, and there are people in existing posts who would welcome help and the sharing of roles. Come and join in the fun. To volunteer to help the Show or join the committee, please contact the Show Secretary.

**Gemma Allan, Show Secretary**

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## Ashwell Show hands out more than £8,000 to Local Organisations

The Ashwell Show is organised by volunteers and operates a not-for-profit policy. The proceeds are given to local clubs, societies and organisations. This year the show is handing out more than £8,000 to local worthy causes and those organisations who sent volunteers to help with the running of the show. We are delighted to announce that, thanks once again to the hard work of the committee and everyone's support on the day, we are able to contribute the following funds to local clubs, societies, and organisations:

Beneficiary allocated Details	Amount Allocated	Details
Ashwell Accies (football club)	£300	Coaching courses
Air Cadets	£250	Duke of Edinburgh Award supplies
Baby and Toddler & Messy Play Group	£200	Supplies and storage
Ashwell Brownies	£100	Supplies
Ashwell Cricket Club	£900	Nets
Ashwell Fight Against Cancer	£150	Christmas cards stock
Ashwell Guides	£300	Supplies
Ashwell Museum	£500	Donation
Ashwell Playgroup	£1,000	Various indoor and outdoor toys
Ashwell Primary School	£1,899	Mobile sound system
Royal British Legion	£288	Storage units
Ashwell St Mary's Church	£500	Donation
Ashwell Theatre Club	£950	Update music system
Ashwell United Reformed Church	£500	Hall repairs
Ashwell Women's Institute	£250	New urn
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,087</b>	

Show profits are awarded to local societies and organisations, on a discretionary basis, to local good causes and those who help to put on the Ashwell Show in some way. If you would like to apply for funds from the Ashwell Show on behalf of your society, or you think your organisation could offer help on Show day by providing an activity, manning the car park, clearing up, or contributing in any other way, please let us know.

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Vintage tractors at the Ashwell Show 2018 (including background image). Photos by Chris Frazer Smith