

Repton Ward Summer 2021



Ashford Borough Councillor newsletter Cllrs. Matthew Forest & Bernard Heyes

Dear resident,

The last few months have been far from normal, but it's been incredible to see how the community across Repton Park, Orchard Heights, Bluebells & Repton Manor have pulled together to help each other during the pandemic. I would like to send a huge thanks to everyone who came forward to volunteer and help me with **Repton Response**. We were able to deliver prescriptions, shopping & provide support to people across the ward.



I'm delighted to have been able to use some of my ward member grant to help **Repton Connect** purchase a new bouncy castle & soft play equipment for their new parent and toddler group. I've also been able to support the **Ashford Air Cadets** (305) in their purchase of computer equipment to help Cadets complete the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and cadet qualification examinations.

I'm in the process of setting up a **Community Speed Watch** group for the ward. If you would like to help with this, please contact me using the details below.



Matthew

I was thrilled to join the Mayor of Ashford at the opening of the new **Coffee Corner** on Repton Avenue, one of many small businesses that have found a home in the ward. There's a growing sense of community in the area and I would encourage



local residents to come and support the wide range of businesses located here.

Repton Connect have recently taken delivery of a Defibrillator for the community centre. I have contributed from my ward grant to provide a protective case for the device to be stored in.

If I can help with a project you're running in the ward, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Stour Centre is back!

The new-look Stour Centre is now open after a £7.5m refurbishment. New features include an upgraded gym, soft play and clip and climb centre, an additional exercise studio, improved changing rooms and a revamped reception and café.

Some additional works to the swimming pools have been identified, which were not part of the original plans. They require further work, so the pools will need to remain closed for now, but will open as soon as possible.

Freedom Leisure will be managing the flagship facility, on behalf of Ashford Borough Council.

Website: www.thestourcentre.co.uk



Discover Ashford's hidden history

A digital plaque scheme celebrating the noteworthy individuals and buildings from many famous people have lived in the borough of Ashford. Authors, poets, mathematicians and philanthropists make up just some of the town's most famous residents and visitors.

The Heritage Plaque Scheme is similar to the national blue plaque scheme but features green plaques with the borough's crest. Plaques will be awarded to people or buildings who are not widely known or formally recognised in the borough.

Carbon neutral plan out to consultation

The plan supports the aim to achieve carbon neutrality within the council's own estate and operations by 2030 and emphasises the need for the whole community's involvement in achieving Ashford wide carbon neutrality before 2050.

Eight priority areas feature in the plan, focusing not just on how the council can improve sustainability and achieve net zero carbon in our own operations, but also how we can encourage and enable all of Ashford to join us on this journey.

For more information about our carbon neutral agenda please visit our website:

www.ashford.gov.uk/environmental-concerns/carbon-neutral-agenda/

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LAZY CHUCKER.**
IF YOU CAN BRING IT
YOU CAN BIN IT.



We are on a mission to stop people dropping litter!

However, we can't do this alone,
we need your help.

The campaign will initially focus on four major
'hotspot' locations before later expanding to cover
further areas in the borough.

To find out more, visit our website:

www.ashford.gov.uk/outdoor-spaces/litter-free-ashford



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