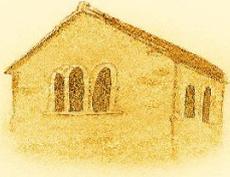


Ashton Echo – Spring Stirrings Edition 2026



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Ashton Village
Community Hub

Spring After the Storms

After a winter that felt endless, with rain-soaked weeks, flooded lanes, and storms that rattled roofs and cut our water and electricity, the first signs of spring arrive like a deep breath we have all been waiting to take. As the days grow longer and the hedgerows begin to hum with life again,

Ashton Village steps forward with its familiar blend of warmth, resilience, and neighbourly energy. Gardens are slowly recovering, puddles are shrinking back into the earth, and the air carries that soft, green promise of better days. Early bumblebees wobble back into the world, blackbirds tune their bright morning songs, and the beautiful three-cornered leeks rise in their quiet abundance along our paths. After the wild weather and the challenges, it brought, we hope everyone is finding their footing again and beginning to look toward the return of sunshine.

Spring can be uplifting, but it also asks us to move gently, mind the pollen, keep hydrated, and ease yourself back into outdoor wanderings. May this season bring steadier skies, lighter hearts, and the sense of fresh beginnings we have all earned.

Christmas Fayre & Wreath-Making

Though it feels a little while ago now, our Christmas Fayre and Wreath-Making event remains a fond and festive memory. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our community those who donated, baked, crafted, and helped on the day—we raised a fantastic amount to support future Hub activities. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone involved.

What's Happening at the Lion & Lamb

The Lion & Lamb continue to host a range of events throughout the coming months—from lively monthly quiz nights, where you can test your trivia knowledge and compete for fun prizes, live music, and delicious home-cooked meals served daily. Be sure to stop by for the ever-popular Sunday roast, available from 12 noon

Springtime Celebrations at the Hub

Our much-loved Easter Fayre returns to the Hub on Saturday 28th March 2026, from 11am till 1pm, and it is set to be a joyful celebration of spring, community spirit, and family-friendly fun. Expect a colourful mix of local craft stalls, a raffle, *guess the weight of the cake*, and plenty of delicious seasonal treats to enjoy. The ever-popular Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Amenity Field (weather permitting), where little explorers can dash off in search of family film themed clues, with chocolate prizes waiting at the end. As always, cake donations are warmly welcomed, every homemade bake helps make the day extra special and supports our community events. Come along, bring friends and family, and help us make it a springtime celebration to remember!



Community Projects Update

It's wonderful to see our shared spaces flourishing. Newly planted trees at the Amenity Field are already creating a sense of renewal while supporting long-term habitats for wildlife. Alongside this, the new sheltered seating area is proving to be a much appreciated addition. Together, these improvements are helping transform the field into a welcoming place to pause, play, meet, and enjoy the changing seasons.

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Gentle Moves, Calm Minds: Tai Chi at the Hub!



Hiring the Hub for Your Events

The Hub is a bright, welcoming space at the heart of the village, and it is available for one-off bookings as well as regular weekly sessions. Whether you are planning a birthday party, need a comfortable training or workshop space, or are looking to start a keep-fit, yoga, or wellbeing class, the Hub offers a flexible setting that can be shaped to suit your needs. We are especially keen to see the space used by the community throughout the year, supporting everything from creative clubs to social groups and active sessions for all ages.

Facilities include a spacious main room, kitchen access, tables, and seating, and plenty of room for both lively gatherings and quieter activities. Anyone interested in hiring the Hub either as a one-off event or a regular booking can contact Nikki at bookingshub2024@gmail.com

Weekly Coffee Mornings

Our weekly coffee mornings continues every Wednesday from 10.30am. Whether you're new to the village or a familiar face, drop in for a relaxed cuppa, cake, and friendly conversation. Everyone is welcome!

A message from residents

Paws on paths, pride in our village. We love our dogs and our village too. Please pick up after your dog!

Recipe Corner – Cornish Saffron Buns

A much loved Cornish bake, these lightly spiced saffron buns are traditionally enjoyed warm with butter at Easter and spring tea treats.

Ingredients:

450g strong white flour, 75g caster sugar, 75g butter, 1 tsp mixed spice, 1 tsp salt, 7g fast-action yeast, a large pinch of saffron strands, 300ml milk, and 75g currants or sultanas.

Method:

Warm the milk and add the saffron, leaving it to infuse until golden. Mix the flour, sugar, salt, spice and yeast, then rub in the butter. Add the saffron milk to form a soft dough and knead until smooth. Leave to rise until doubled, then knead in the dried fruit, shape into buns and allow to rise again. Bake at 190°C (170°C fan) for 15–20 minutes until golden. Serve warm with butter.

Recycling Update information from Cornwall Council

From this week, tetra paks and soft plastics can be added to your household recycling.

Cartons such as milk, juice, custard, soup, passata, tomatoes, beans and pulses. (Rinse & squash, then place in your red recycling bag):

Soft plastics & wrapping:

Bread and cereal bags, salad and frozen food bags, carrier bags, multi-pack wrapping, bubble wrap, cling film, plastic film lids, fruit and veg nets, and chocolate, sweet, biscuit and crisp wrappers.

Place soft plastics inside a tied carrier or bread bag. Put this inside your red recycling bag if there's space or place it securely on top of your black box or between recycling bags.

Dates for your diary

Easter Fayre – 28th March 2026 from 11am

Jumble Sale 18th April 2026 from 11am

Summer Fete – date tbc

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