

PARISH SNAPSHOTS 2020

In just over a week in March 2020 – in common with the rest of the UK and large parts of the world, our village community witnessed utterly profound changes to our way of life that we could barely comprehend any of it. We were apparently threatened with a pandemic so contagious that it can rip through communities causing much misery and suffering if the changes are not adhered to.

The success of all these government inspired changes depended entirely on all of us being inclined to act as one. It seemed the very opposite of what we are naturally disposed to – but we had to avoid social contact as much as possible and this was likely to go on for months.

We therefore decided to open a new web page to encourage Ansty folk of any age to contribute photos, memories, thoughts and things of local interest connected with Ansty parish for others to view and enjoy. It is not a forum page.

We are all fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and our community is well connected and no-one should feel left out or lonely. 23-03-2020

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography by Alan Hardwick, Ansty.



Click on the image to see our very first contribution to 'Parish Snapshot 2020'! Hopefully there will be more to come!

Photography by Louise Gooding, Ansty.



Snakeshead Fritillary 21-03-2020, Ansty

Click on the image to see our second contribution to 'Parish Snapshot 2020'! Hopefully there will be even more to come!

Photography by Anne Martin, Ansty.



Rhododendron, one of 1,024 species, originated from SE Asia

Click on the image to view our third contribution to 'Parish Snapshot 2020'! Please keep sending them in!

Photography by Rob W, Ansty.



Ansty Swan after a crash landing!

Click on the image to view our fourth contribution to 'Parish Snapshot 2020'!

Another selection of Ansty photographs taken during April 2020!



Woodpecker on lawn spots a pair of Magpies swooping in!

Click on the image to view our next contribution to 'Parish Snapshot 2020'!

A further selection of Ansty photographs taken in late April and the beginning of May



Beautiful May blossom in Ansty village and Bluebells in Denham Copse

Click on image to view our latest contribution from local photographers in Ansty.

Another selection of Ansty garden blooms taken by RW in early June



Garden Blooms in June

The whole of May will be remembered for its long sunny days: a few days were very cool but mostly they very warm! There was virtually no rain – however, conditions were perfect for the most stunning displays of garden blooms rarely seen! Everything seemed to come into flower at the same time! Here is a selection from just one garden. [Click on image to view more.](#)

Another selection of Ansty garden blooms taken by JF in mid June





The 2020 Amazing Maize Maze created at Ansty Pick Your Own and Farm Shop.

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This view looking over Ansty was taken from a footpath on the way to Swallowcliffe from the Maypole in August 2020. Click on it to find out how things have changed in just over a decade! Picture by RW.