



LETTER FROM COUNCILOR BRIAN RIDGWAY CHAIR OF
ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL 2016

A year of change bringing optimism in many areas of the Council. The change brings its own difficulties and like any other organisation your Parish Councils resilience has been tested.

Our core business of administering to the Communities of Eckington Parish has continued unabated.

Members have been nominated to sit on various bodies including School Governors, Charities and Liaison groups.

As well as having a wider presence, your Council has supported through financial grants and donations a number of projects, ranging from Cricket clubs, and Coffee mornings, to the annual Summer festival. We have been pleased to support the Summer activities program for the young people of the Parish and long may it continue .

Changes of personnel are always bittersweet times, and as we say goodbye to some who have worked in our team for many years, we look forward with optimism.

The retirement of the Civic Centre Manager has seen members of the existing team step up to the plate.

Changes to the Civic Centre Building itself are in the pipe line with ambitious plans that will help to revitalize the Town Centre, you will hear more about that in the coming months.

We've said goodbye to Philip our well known handy-person and wish him well in his well earned retirement, we will soon see Peter Staniforth Clerk to the Parish Council retire to take many happy holidays. Both those positions have been taken up and we will look forward to working with Paul (handy person) and Rosalind Bullimore(Clerk) .

We have with us Charlotte our Marketing and Events Coordinator, any groups who have events or activities happening in the Parish please contact her at the Civic Centre .

On behalf of the Council and its Officers I wish to say thank you to all who are active in supporting the people of Eckington Parish, we have formed many partnerships throughout the last twelve months and we look forward to meeting many more of you in the next twelve months.