

Eckington Parish Council Street Furniture Policy

The Parish Council has the Power but not the Duty to provide seating, dog, litter and grit bins. All applications will be considered on their individual merit.

BENCHES

Benches should be placed where they contribute to the street scene, but must not cause an obstruction to the footway. Benches help to create a sense of place and they are a useful and valued public amenity. New benches must match existing seat styles and materials and be in a style that suits the area.

Donated Memorial Benches on the highway

Members of the public can request a bench to commemorate a loved one. The Parish Council will apply for the licence for permission to place a bench on the highway (footpath) on the resident's behalf. Residents living in the vicinity of the proposed location of the bench will be consulted and they must agree on its position. A commemorative plaque no larger than 20cm x 6cm may be attached to the bench. The wording must be approved by the Parish Council. Residents are to agree to meet the cost of the bench, plaque and the installation. The bench is to be donated to the Parish for its lifetime. The bench will be removed by the Council and not be replaced when it is at the end of its life time or if it is unsafe.

Please be mindful that the bench will become the responsibility of the Parish Council and it must be available for people to sit on. Flowers, soft toys or memorials of any kind must not be attached to the bench at any time.

Donated Memorial Benches on Parish land.

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LITTER BINS & DOG BINS

Litter bins and dog bins are provided to encourage the local community to keep the footpaths and streets clean.

Bins will only be installed on land the Parish Council is responsible for.

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Bins will only be installed at suitable locations and providing that they have the funds. If the Council deem the location to be unsuitable for reasons of safety, such as stopping to empty a bin, proximately of housing or installation difficulties it may also be declined.

GRIT BINS

Grit bins are provided for self-help by members of the public. Grit is provided by the Council for use on the public highway (road and footpaths). If the Council believe grit is being used on private land/footpaths/driveways consideration will be given for the removal of the bin.

The Parish Council will not provide a grit bin if the application falls within the DCC criteria for salt bin provision.

The Parish Council will provide up to a maximum of 24 grit bins within the parish

The Parish Council will consider the expansion of UFI's 'blue box' scheme subject to request and need. The criteria to be for the elderly and vulnerable.

Budget maximum of £3,000 per annum.