

# ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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**Eckington**  
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## Eckington Summer Festival

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Despite the weather, there was a great turnout to the festival on 2 July 2016 which gave us the opportunity to talk to many members of our community. We talked to you about the Parish Council's priorities, our plans for the Civic Centre and the erection of 2 archways in Eckington Town Centre.

Overall, the feedback we received verbally on the day was extremely positive and the information we gave out was well received. Due to a combination of circumstances we gained little written feedback but the responses fell into three areas:

- Environmental - 'Not enough done about dog waste' 'Dog bin required' 'Dog dirt all over' 'Make people cut their hedges'
- Highways - 'Stop people parking on the pedestrian precinct' 'Traffic issues on Gosber Road/Street' 'Roads and pavements'
- Leisure - 'Replace tables in Civic Centre' 'Swimming Pool could do with a refurb'

Our consultation will continue until the end of September and a questionnaire is reproduced below. All completed questionnaires should be returned the Parish Clerk at Eckington Civic Centre.

More details can be found on our website, [www.eckington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk), where the questionnaire will also be available to complete or download.

*The photograph accompanying this article shows Cllr Sam Beecher and Roz Bullimore, Parish Clerk, at the Parish Council stall*



	Yes	No
Do you live in the parish of Eckington?		
Do you agree with the Parish Council's priorities:		
- Continuous Service Improvements		
- Eckington Civic Centre		
- Community Engagement		
- Support for Management Committees at Marsh Lane Community Hall and Renishaw and Spinkhill Village Hall		
- Allotments		
- Cemetery		
- Play Areas		
- Grant Scheme and Special Projects		
What other priorities do you think the Parish Council should have?		
Are there any services you think the Parish Council should stop providing?		
Comments		



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### Where can I find a Parish Newsletter?

Newsletters are available free of charge in a range of shops, pubs and community centres throughout the Parish.

We aim to hand deliver at least 1,000 copies to households across the Parish



# FEEL CONFIDENT WITH A DERBYSHIRE TRUSTED TRADER

Finding a company that you can trust to do some work for you can be a bit daunting – how can you be sure that you won't get ripped off? What if things go wrong? How do you choose between lots of different companies? These sorts of dilemmas were a driving force behind the setting up by Derbyshire County Council of the Trusted Trader scheme to help local people find traders and businesses that do a good job at a fair price and provide good customer service.

That was back in 2008 and the popular scheme has gone from strength to strength. These days there are nearly 17,000 searches each month on the Trusted Trader website, [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt) by people looking for reliable companies to use. Another ringing endorsement for the scheme was a recent survey which gathered feedback from more than 16,000 people who had used a Trusted Trader and an impressive 94% said they were very satisfied with the service they received.

So people can have lots of confidence when employing one of the 1,200 traders who are part of the scheme. In the very unlikely event of someone having a problem with one of the traders then help is at hand. Derbyshire County Council trading standards officers can get involved in any queries involving Trusted Traders and seek to resolve them.

The scheme particularly helps to protect older and vulnerable adults by making it easier for them to use Trusted Traders rather than rogue traders who typically cold-call and use high pressure sales techniques. A recent development has been the inclusion of Financial Advisers who specialise in providing financial advice for people in later life and can help with matters like care fees, pensions and investments.

Find out more about all aspects of Trusted Trader at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt) or call 01629 536148. Enquiries are also welcome from businesses interested in signing up to the scheme – membership brings lots of benefits and costs only £70 - £100 per year.

**1,200 TRADERS LISTED**

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 Oven cleaning  
 Pest control  
 Plumbers  
 Roofers  
 Solicitors  
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**and many more**

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## LATEST NEWS

As we go to print your local District Councillors are in discussion with District Council officers to rethink the traffic flow in the Eckington Swimming Pool Car Park. Hopefully changes, which should help to alleviate problems at the exit junction with Gosber Road, will be undertaken alongside the regeneration work on the Swimming Pool.

The District Council is also investing in the leisure centre itself and works will be carried out in the Autumn to upgrade the pool plant, extend the gym, upgrade the changing facilities and create a toddler play area. Unfortunately, this work will necessitate the removal of the small pool and the closure of the centre for some weeks but we hope you will think it's worth it. The centre is due to close on 31 October 2016 for a period of 3 months. Alternative arrangements during the closure period are also being put in place by Rykneld Homes for housing services.

**For further details please contact your local District Councillor.**

## Do you want better, faster broadband for your home or business?

Digital Derbyshire is a £34 million partnership between Derbyshire County Council, Broadband Delivery UK, BT, D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and the European Regional Development Fund to bring fibre broadband to more than 100,000 premises across the county.

We're laying hundreds of miles of fibre optic cable – which provides a faster broadband connection than the old copper cables – and now it's available to order in parts of our community.

Fibre broadband can make a huge difference to your everyday life whether it's for online shopping, downloading music, watching films and TV shows over the internet, kids' homework or working from home.

If you run a business in the area then fibre broadband could help you too. Fast and reliable broadband is as important as good road and rail links for businesses today. It can help drive up profits by expanding customer bases, helping to compete in a global marketplace – even from a rural location – and allowing management tasks such as accounting and filing to be done more efficiently and effectively online.

Three green roadside cabinets containing the fibre connection have gone live in the Eckington and surrounding areas as part of the Digital Derbyshire programme. This is in addition to the commercial coverage which already exists for some homes and businesses in the locality.



To order fibre broadband follow these five simple steps:

1. Check if fibre broadband is available in your area and what speeds you might get at [www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/check](http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/check).
2. Check your current broadband contract. You may be locked in for a particular period of time but some companies may allow you to upgrade.
3. Do your research. Visit [www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/providers](http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/providers) for information about comparison websites that allow you to compare broadband packages.
4. Make your decision. Once you have chosen your broadband provider you will need to get in touch with them to place your order. They should explain what you need to do to get up and running.
5. Order and installation. Once you have placed an order for fibre broadband, your provider will tell you how and when your broadband will be installed so you can enjoy the benefits.

For more information visit [www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk](http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk)

# Eckington Civic Centre: A Catalyst for Regeneration

With the recent appointment of a Marketing and Events Co-ordinator, Charlotte Mitchell, and the new Parish Clerk, Rosalind Bullimore, it has been possible to dream big. With help from the Council's Community Halls and Premises Committee and the Parish Council itself, the ball will very soon be rolling to begin the transformation process of the Eckington Civic Centre.

As you may be aware, there have been plans to update the centre to provide a more sustainable and multifunctional venue for the local community.

The refurbishment is due to take place in stages beginning with a full makeover of the smaller suite room. This room will soon be able to cater for licenced wedding ceremonies/receptions, business meetings, functions and much more! With a contemporary colour scheme, improved lighting and furnishings, the suite will be able to accommodate for an endless variety of events.

The suite is not the only room that was in need of attention, the Main Hall will also see a transformation. This space will be renovated using softer colours, fabrics and flooring restorations allowing large event capabilities such as band nights, large weddings, theme nights, fitness classes and a variety of your private functions!

The bar area has not been forgotten either. With new flooring, furnishings and a coffee machine, the bar area will be an inviting and relaxing area for guests at your event.

When it comes to technology, the Civic Centre has been a little behind with the times. However, with features such as Fibre Broadband, Contactless card machines and AV equipment, this will bring the centre well and truly into the 21st Century.

This is an exciting venture for all involved at Eckington Parish Council and they hope this will provide your community with a venue you can be proud of.

Keep up to date with the process by visiting their Social Media Pages:

Facebook – Eckington Civic Centre



Twitter - @Eckington\_PC



For more information about the refurbishment or for bookings, please contact Charlotte on 07715663946 – [marketing@eckington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:marketing@eckington-pc.gov.uk)

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## NEW BENCHES

Creating an outdoor area where children and adults can sit and relax, the Parish Council has installed new benches in the play areas at: Main Road, Ridgeway; Darcy Road, Eckington; Golden Ball and Emmett Carr Lane, Renishaw.

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# RESULTS OF DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 2016

	1st Preference Votes	2nd Preference Votes	Total
<b>BRIGHT Richard</b> The Conservative Party Candidate	4839	1191	6030
<b>DHINDSA Hardyal Singh</b> Labour Party	5980	980	6960 (E)
<b>SNOWDON Tom</b> Liberal Democrats	1246	-	1246
<b>YEOWART Stuart David</b> UK Independence Party (UKIP)	2638	-	2638

**Turnout** North East Derbyshire 19.22%

All Derbyshire 23.93%



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## Introducing our new Police Sergeant

I am Sergeant Shirley and I am responsible for three policing areas, one being Eckington Safer Neighbourhood policing team.

I have worked for Derbyshire Constabulary since 2006 in frontline role as a Police Constable and was promoted to the role of Sergeant in 2013 and joined the Safer Neighbourhood team in June 2016. I am based at Killmarsh Police Station and will ensure that my team and I will work with the communities, and partner agencies to make our area safer for everyone.

My priorities are to tackle the long standing problems of illegal motor vehicles being used on our roads, pavements and parks and to target acquisitive crime by getting out an about in the early hours and running pro-active operations when required. We will also look to actively promote Neighbourhood Watch, so it is given a new lease of life and to make use of social media to ensure our good results are shared with all.

My team will work with schools and communities to safeguard children and build up strong links with our residents, and ensure the most vulnerable in our community are protected from harm. We also endeavour to maintain a visible presence within our communities as often as possible.

If you would like to get in touch please call us on 101, or follow us on Eckington SNT to see what we are up to on a day to day basis in your area.

## EURO REFERENDUM RESULTS NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE

	%	VOTES	TURNOUT
Leave	62.8	37,235	-
Remain	37.2	22,075	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59,310</b>	<b>75.9%</b>

## Councillors' Surgeries

District and County Councillors will be available on the following days/times. There will no longer be a specific representative from the Parish Council at these sessions but any Parish Council related issue will be passed on. The contact details of all Parish Councillors can be found in this newsletter

**Eckington Civic Centre**  
**10.00 am to 11.00 am**  
Saturday 1st October  
Saturday 5th November  
Saturday 3rd December  
Saturday 7th January

**Green Lawns Community Centre**  
**11.00 am to 12.00 noon**  
Saturday 12th November

**Ridgeway Village Hall**  
**11.00 am to 12.00 noon**  
Saturday 15th October  
Saturday 3rd December

## New Grant Scheme

Revisions to our Grant Scheme for local community groups were agreed at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

**See our website for guidance notes and application forms or contact the clerk.**