

ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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Parish Budget 2015/2016

The Parish precept is the amount of money the Council raises to carry out its responsibilities. This includes maintaining 3 community halls, 4 allotment sites, various play areas and the cemetery as well as supporting local groups and initiatives.

After careful consideration the Parish Council has agreed to set its precept at a level which will increase the parish portion of your Council Tax by 1.81%. For a Band D property this will mean an increase of £1.38 per year (from £76.19 in 2014/15 to £77.57 for 2015/2016). For a Band A property this is an increase of 92p per year (from £50.79 to £51.71).

The budget was set against a background of funding reductions which will impact the Parish Council for years to come. The Parish Council is faced with reduced funding from NEDDC as the Government Support Grant is phased out over a period of ten years.

The Parish Council is in a strong position to deliver on all the services it currently provides and continues to respond to the changing needs of the community it serves.

Local Democracy

Are you registered to vote?

On 7 May 2015 the Parliamentary, District and Parish elections will take place. If you are not registered to vote you need to do so by 20 April 2015 in order to be able to vote in these elections.

You can now register online at: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

If you do not have access to the internet, you can still register by ringing the Elections Office at North East Derbyshire District Council and providing your details over the phone or by requesting a form. Telephone 01246 217068/217069

You can also apply for a Postal or Proxy Vote by contacting the Elections Office on the number above or via NEDDC website www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.



PARISH COMMUNITY GRANTS

In December 2014 the Parish Council awarded 2 grants to community groups.

The Eckington Festival Committee was awarded £1,000 for a third year to help them organise the highly successful July Summer Festival. Greg Roberts received the cheque from the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Brian Ridgway, at the January council meeting.

A newly established baby and toddler group, Dizzy Ducks, received a grant of £100 to get them on their feet (or should that be webs!!). Cllr David Ridley was pleased to accept the cheque from the Parish Council Chair in January. The Group meets on a Thursday morning in Eckington Messy Church

The Parish Council operates a community grant scheme and will consider applications for a Standard Grant (currently £50 or £100) or for a Non Standard Grant if you are planning a special project. Details of how to apply can be found on the Council's website or by contacting the Clerk.



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The newsletter is compiled by a group of parish councillors: Cllr Austen; Cllr Herring; Cllr Hunt; Cllr B and J Ridgway. If you would like to make any comments on the newsletter please contact us. Contact details can be found of Page 4.

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 16 April 2015 at 7.00pm in the Eckington Civic Centre

All parish electors are entitled to attend to put questions to the Parish Council

High Speed Rail Link HS2



Phase 1 of HS2 runs from London to the West Midlands, and Phase 2 is planned to run from the West Midlands to Leeds, and separately to Manchester. While there are no definite plans for Phase 2 yet, the section from the Nottingham area to Sheffield is likely to have a direct effect on Killamarsh and Renishaw and an indirect effect on Eckington. This may be the destruction of houses, woods and farmland, disruption during construction and the effects of noise once it is built. The closest stations will be in Nottingham (Toton) and Sheffield (Meadowhall).

The case for HS2

The primary motive behind HS2 is capacity, not speed. Over the last decade passenger journeys have grown 50% to 1.46 billion each year, particularly on long-distance journeys. By 2030, overall volumes of freight are expected to rise to around 120% of current levels, an increase of 3.3% each year.

Sheffield to London currently takes 2hr 5min. HS2 will save 46 minutes on that journey.

HS1 in the South of England has had a positive regeneration effect worth over £10 billion and it is estimated that HS2 will make £2 for every £1 invested.

Phase 2 of HS2 is set to create 48,700-70,300 jobs as well as 5,200-7,600 homes. Currently 61% of businesses are concerned that the UK's transport system is lagging behind international competitors and 66% of businesses expect HS2 to have a positive impact on the private sector.

From an environmental point of view HS2 will move millions of air and road trips to rail thus reducing CO2 emissions.

For more information go to www.hs2.org.uk

The case against HS2

According to a YouGov poll taken in April 2014, 30% supported HS2 but 48% were opposed. Of that same sample, when asked how much it would affect the north of England. 35% thought it would have a positive impact. 9% thought it would have a negative impact. 46% believe it will not make any difference.

The cost has risen from £33 billion, in 2009 prices, to £42.6 billion. There are concerns that the cost could continue to rise. There are also concerns that it will lose money each year as the technology is already outdated. This can be seen in Spain where the use of their High Speed rail was falling until this year when the cost of travel was cut.

Environmentally, three SSSI's (Site of Special Scientific Interest), six Wildlife Trust nature reserves, 87 local wildlife sites and 17 proposed local wildlife sites are directly affected by HS2. A further 245 sites will be indirectly affected.

Across the entire line more than 600 homes will be bulldozed and another 340 homes will be cut off from their wider neighbourhood. Infrastructure supporting the line will be built on 250 acres of green belt land.

A local group has been set up to campaign against HS2 and more information can be found at www.stophs2.org

Cllr Kane Deffley and Cllr Christine Gare

Come to the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 April (details on Page 1) to discuss the impact on Eckington Parish

STOP HS2 No business case.
No environmental case.
No money to pay for it.

PARISH NOTICEBOARDS

Look out for notice boards coming soon to an area near you.

To help advertise its activities Parish Council notices will be posted on new notice boards in Renishaw, Marsh Lane, Ridgeway and Spinkill.

Derbyshire County Council Local Area Committee

Following the meeting held in Eckington on 23 September 2014 the following responses have been received.

Any plans to reduce the speed limits and are there any plans for future highway schemes in and around Eckington?

There are no current proposals to amend any of the existing speed limits in Eckington. Obviously, a 30mph limit applies in all the built-up areas as is the norm and Derbyshire County Council have installed physical traffic calming in areas that have suffered from inappropriate use and/or an injury related collision history in the past. Contravention of the speed limit is an offence and the Police are the agency responsible for enforcing this.

Editor's Note: The Parish Council has agreed to contribute up to £300 to provide the police with a mobile speed meter for use in the Parish

Are there any proposals for alterations/improvements in the area if ALDI built?

The Transport Assessment for the planning application states that generally it is considered that retail food stores do not generate significant "new" traffic but result in pass-by and diverted trips by traffic already on the network. The Highway Authority has no basis to dispute the philosophy underpinning the assumptions contained in the Transport Assessment and has therefore raised no objections to the granting of planning permission. As such, there are no proposals for any alterations/improvements to the existing highway network as a result of this development.

Editor's Note: The planning application for the ALDI store was approved in December 2014 with a financial contribution towards improvements to the town centre and towards community schemes. The Parish Council will work with the District Council and Eckington Town Team on the allocation of this money.

Inadequate street lighting be around the swimming pool and shopping areas

The criteria for additional street lighting are "No new street lighting unless there's a night-time casualty record, evidence of night-time anti-social behaviour, or if justified as part of a new development." DCC is to fund LED street lighting for around 68,000 lighting columns over the next 3 years. Although timings can change, LED lights are currently envisaged to begin in Eckington towards the end of 2015.

Editor's Note: to report a faulty streetlight fill in the on-line fault reporting from www.derbyshire.gov.uk, email contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk or Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. Always try to quote the lamp number, street and location

Disabled access around the village: If there are any specific locations that require access improvements please contact Derbyshire County Council on 01629 533190 as they are responsible for the public highway.

Poor public transport options in more rural areas

In general, for any area where the local bus network does not provide services we would suggest considering Community Transport as an option. In this case it would be Community Transport for Town and Country and they can be contacted on 01246 209668. For information about the main local bus network routes and times the contact is 'Traveline' on 0871 200 22 33.

Lack of affordable homes in and around Eckington.

The approved application off Staveley Lane, Eckington is for up to 90 dwellings of which 9 should be affordable units. It is difficult to give a view on how the development will impact on services. The District Council are aware that there is a need for more affordable homes in Eckington, as in other parts of the district. There is a particular shortage of developable sites coming forward in Eckington.

Editor's note: In January 2015 the Parish Council received a presentation from Midlands Rural Housing and NEDDC on providing social housing in Ridgeway where there is a particular need.

"A" board advertising signs on the pavement outside a business

The advert regulations determine what advertisements need consent and which don't. After that if consent is needed North East Derbyshire District Council determine submission based on the impact of the signs on amenity and public safety.

Condition and improvement of footpaths

Within Eckington Parish there have been two recent major schemes to reconstruct bridleways that were seriously eroded. These were on the bridleways along Owler Carr Lane (Coal Aston) and Bolehill Lane off Chesterfield Road. Several other bridleways within the parish are programmed for repairs pending capital funding. There are currently no further surfacing works on public rights of way in Eckington Parish planned for the current financial year but, depending on resources, improvements to the surface of one of the footpaths adjacent to Eckington School will be done in 2015/16. Several footpaths are included on the Council's yearly surface vegetation clearance programme. It is not possible to include every route on this programme. The Council are unable to inspect all rights of way as a matter of course but rely on members of the public reporting problems to us so that the Council can investigate and take action if necessary. These can be reported via the Derbyshire County Council website, email eteprow@derbyshire.gov.uk or by phoning Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Housing Advice

Council Housing – managed by Rykneld Homes
Eckington Area Housing Office,
Eckington Swimming Pool, Gosber Street S21 4DA
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 09:00 – 14:00

Estate Walkabouts – organised by Rykneld Homes involving local councillors, residents and residents' groups

Eckington: Thursday 12 March at 10:30 at Eckington Housing Office
Friday 13 March at 10:30 outside Eckington Friendship Hall
Tuesday 17 March at 10:30 outside Birkhill Sch, Chestnut Av.
Thursday 19 March at 10:30 on Castle Hill Close

Marsh Lane: Wednesday 11 March at 10:00 at Bramley/Ridge Road

Renishaw: Wednesday 4 March at 10:00 at Hague Lane/Carrwood Rd

Ridgeway: Friday 6 March at 10:00 in Craft Centre Car Park

Tenants and Residents Groups

Eckington Focus TARG: meets on the 1st Monday in the month at 7pm in Eckington Civic Centre. Come along and have your say. Contact: Chair, David Walpole on 01246 433155 or Secretary, Liz Kirton lizkirton2@gmail.com

Marsh Lane TARA: welcomes anyone who lives in Marsh Lane. The meetings are every two months, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7pm at Green Lawns. Contact us via marshlanetara@hotmail.co.uk, via Facebook, or ring Christine Gare on 01246 435593.

Bramley Park Residents: currently boasts 100% membership of the residents on this Conservation Area Park Home Site. Contacts: Chair, Bill Scott on 01246 433263 or Secretary, Jackie Bearder, 44 Bramley Park, Marsh Lane, S21 5RB.

Renishaw Forward TARG: meets on the last Wednesday of every month in Renishaw Community Hall from 7pm till 9pm. All welcome. Tea and coffee available. Contact: Stephen Fiddler stephen.fidler52@gmail.com

Health and Social Care

Patient Participation Groups

"Patient participation is a partnership between patients, GPs and their practice.

PPGs work in partnership with their practice to:

- Help patients to take more responsibility for their health
- Contribute to the continuous improvement of service and quality of care
- Foster improved communications between the practice and its patient
- Provide practical support for the practice and help to implement change"

<http://www.napp.org.uk/>

Local PPGs are run at:

Moss Valley Medical Practice

<http://www.mossvalleymedicalpractice.co.uk/>

Emmett Carr Surgery:

<http://emmettcarsurgery.co.uk/>

The Parish Council received an application for grant aid from the Moss Valley Medical Practice PPG and approved a Standard Grant in November 2014.

Healthwatch Derbyshire

Healthwatch Derbyshire hears what children, young people and adults have to say about health and social care services, e.g. hospitals, GPs, care homes etc. We want to hear what you think is good or bad and any ideas for how things can be improved.

<http://www.healthwatchderbyshire.co.uk/>

ACCESS TO HEALTH CHECKS IN NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE JUST GOT EASIER

Derbyshire County Council is supporting a scheme to offer health checks in workplaces, social clubs and other venues.

The free NHS Health checks are for anyone aged between 40 and 74 and aim to reduce your chance of developing serious diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and stroke. For people aged over 65 this also includes dementia awareness information.

Checks are usually carried out at your local surgery but the new community and workplace outreach pilot aims to give people a wider choice of where to have the check carried out.

The NHS Health Checks Community and Workplace Outreach Pilot has been developed by Bolsover District Council, North East Derbyshire Council, Hardwick CCG, North East Derbyshire CCG and partners.

If you live in Eckington Parish and want to find out if you are eligible call your GP or 01246 515208.

City Players Amateur Dramatic Society

Operating from the Corner Playhouse, Eckington

Become a member

or See The Safari Party by Tim Firth

11th – 23rd May 2015

Contact for more information on 01246 430507 or visit their website at www.cityplayers.co.uk or turn up when the door is open

Parish Councillors

Eckington North

Councillor Jane Austen	01246 433001
Councillor Jane Marsh	01246 432479
Councillor David Ridley	01246 434789
Councillor Christine Gare	01246 435593
Councillor Catherine Tite	07918799540

Eckington South

Councillor Clive Hunt	01246 432206
Councillor Darren Herring	01246 434983
Councillor Joan Ibbotson	01246 435289
Councillor Kane Deffley	07857268163

Marsh Lane and Ridgeway

Councillor John Woodruff (Vice Chair)	01246 432632
Councillor Steve Pickering	01246 435817
Councillor Andy Dye	0114 2483046

Renishaw and Spinkhill

Councillor Brian Ridgway (Chair)	01246 430035
Councillor Jacqueline Ridgway	01246 430035
Councillor Christine Poxton	01246 433978

ECKINGTON CIVIC CENTRE

a venue for all occasions

Recently refurbished this attractive and popular venue is suitable for all occasions.

Our hire charges range from £17 per hour for the Main Hall and £13 per hour for the smaller Ante-Room.

Excellent and acclaimed catering for all functions is available with Buffets priced between £7 and £9.50 per head, Dinner from £14 per head and Pie and Pea Suppers £5 per head.

Please contact us on 01246 432770 to discuss how we can help make your special occasion even more special.

SURGERY DATES

Eckington Civic Centre

Date	Time		
5th April	10.00am	to	11.00am
2nd May	10.00am	to	11.00am

Green Lawns Community Centre

15th March	11.00am	to	12.00am
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Ridgeway Village Hall

19th April	11.00am	to	12.00am
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