

# ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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## Your New Parish Council 2015-2019

Eckington Parish Council comprises 17 councillors representing the parish wards of Eckington North; Eckington South; Renishaw; Ridgeway and Marsh Lane.

Following the Notice of Election to the Parish Council 13 nominations were received

### Eckington North

Jane Austen  
Christine Gare  
Catherine Tite  
Jane Marsh

### Eckington South

Clive Hunt  
Darren Herring  
Kane Deffley  
Joan Ibbotson  
Liz Kirton

### Renishaw (including Spinkhill)

Brian Ridgway  
Jacquie Ridgway

### Ridgeway & Marsh Lane (including Troway)

John Woodruff  
Andy Dye

There are, therefore 4 vacancies and the new Parish Council has the power to co-opt to fill these positions. The vacancies are: 2 in Eckington North; 1 in Renishaw and 1 in Ridgeway and Marsh Lane. Notices seeking nominations for co-option have been posted on the Parish noticeboards and on the website.

The Parish Council will be considering the co-opted vacancies at its first meetings and the outcome will feature in the September issue of the Parish newsletter.

Meetings of the Parish Council will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month (excluding August). Residents of the Parish are invited to attend and time is always allocated for public participation at the beginning of each meeting.

Contact details for the Parish Councillors will be included in the September issue along with the contact details for the Parish Clerk. In addition Councillors' surgeries will be organised for you to meet face to face. Details will follow and be posted on noticeboards and on the website.



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[www.eckington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk)

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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

## Eckington Summer Festival

4 July 2015

Eckington Summer Festival is back! Eckington Parish Council, Eckington Youth Club and Eckington Boys & Belles FC are once again set to hold the event on Saturday, 4th July 2015, running between 1.00pm and 7.00pm. The event is kindly sponsored by Eckington Parish Council and Shepherd Distributions Ltd.

Attractions include fairground rides, live music and other entertainment, hot and cold food stalls, a bar, craft stalls and much more! Entrance is free to all, so why not come and join the fun?! The event is to take place on the Eckington Junior School field at the rear of Stead Street, S21 4FL.

For additional information, including stall enquiries, e-mail [eckingtonfestival@gmail.com](mailto:eckingtonfestival@gmail.com). Also, why not like us on Facebook (Eckington Summer Festival), or follow us on Twitter (@eckingtonfest) for up to date information

See the Parish Council stall at the Festival. Find out what we do. Meet your councillors. Have your say.

# Chair's Report 2014/2015



Since my last report twelve months ago your Parish Council has worked on your behalf across a number of areas. As predicted the economic situation has continued to be not just a challenge to the Parish Council but to the people of the Parish of Eckington in general. Along with many of you we have had to be careful with our finances, but I am pleased to report that the Council's auditors continue to give us a green light and I hope you will agree that being prudent now will serve us well in the future.

The Friday market still has a commitment to improve and I am pleased to say that recently we have made progress in that area. Can I say thank-you to all those who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning Stall run by some of your Parish Councillors it was great fun and all for a good cause.

It's that time of year when there are changes to the makeup of your Parish Council. We say thank you and good bye to Cllr David Ridley whose wise words and dry wit will be missed at meetings, Cllr Steve Pickering whose knowledge of local communities never ceased to amaze and Cllr Christine Poxton who has worked tirelessly on behalf of Renishaw and Spinkhill for a number of years. Parish Councillors are unsung, unpaid and undervalued, and as we say our thanks to the above I would like to say thank you to the Council in general for all the hard work done on your behalf.

*Brian Ridgway*  
Chair of Parish Council

Councillors have been busy throughout the year working in many areas, not only in their statutory responsibilities but working with the community. On a monthly basis the Council meetings include the monitoring of Planning applications, DCC roads and footpath servicing and receiving and questioning crime figures presented by the police.

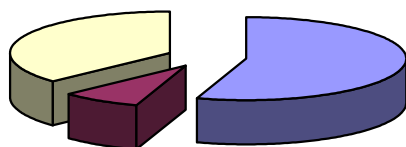
There have been many changes to the way the Council operates, including financial regulations, the attendance and monitoring of meetings by the public and our digital and website strategies. The majority of you will not notice these important changes but I do hope that when the improved website is up and running you will give us some feedback so that we may meet the challenge of what your needs are in this area.

The Parish newsletter continues to be a success and we have been able to advertise a number of groups and events throughout the year. Many of the groups in our communities have made successful applications for grants. We have supported summer activities, patient groups, nurseries and the very successful winter grit scheme for the elderly. We have also supported Christmas dinners, community bonfire, the CAB (NED) advice facility, and local advice support for unemployed workers. These are just a few of the areas in which your Parish Council supports the local community. If you feel we can help you or your local groups please come and talk to us.

Grants 2014/2015	
Eckington Town Team	£1000
Citizens Advice Bureau (NED)	£3000
Summer Youth Activities	£2000
Everybody Hurts	£ 50
Ridgeway in Bloom	£ 630
November Fox & Hounds (Bonfire)	£ 500
Police (Speed gun)	£ 300
Moss Valley Medical Practice PPG	£ 50
Eckington Festival Committee	£1100
Dizzy Ducks	£ 100
UFI (Winter scheme for the elderly)	£ 186
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8916</b>

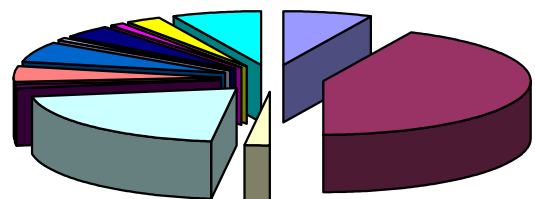
## Eckington PC for y/e 31st March 2015

RECEIVED		£
Precept	55%	240797
Support Grant	8%	34203
Fees & charges	37%	163574
From reserve	0%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>438574</b>



■ Precept   ■ Support Grant   ■ Fees & charges

SPENDING	
Administration	7% 30911
Employees	44% 191179
Grants	2% 8916
Civic Centre	21% 91752
Buildings	1% 2804
Play areas	5% 21447
Cemetery	6% 24267
Environmental	1% 4415
Vehicles 4	% 18674
Allotments	1% 2256
General	3% 11685
To reserve	7% 30268
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>438574</b>



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# Local Democracy - Election Results 7 May 2015

## North East Derbyshire Parliamentary Constituency

Candidate	Description (Party)	Votes Received	Result
David John KESTEVEN	Green Party	1059	
David Robert BATEY	Liberal Democrat	2004	
James Henry BUSH	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	7631	
Lee Benjamin ROWLEY	Conservative Party	17605	
Natascha ENGEL	Labour Party	19488	ELECTED
Rob LANE	Independent	161	

## North East Derbyshire District Council - Eckington North

WARD	Candidate	Description (Party)	Votes Received	Result
Eckington North	Jane AUSTEN	Labour Party	836	ELECTED
Eckington North	Cristian GOMEZ	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	422	
Eckington North	Oscar GOMEZ	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	361	
Eckington North	Angela Louise TALFORD	Conservative Party	347	
Eckington North	Catherine Maria Luisa TITE	Labour Party	612	ELECTED
Eckington North	Michelle Louise WELTON	Conservative Party	305	
Eckington North	Philip WHEELHOUSE	Independent	263	

## North East Derbyshire District Council - Eckington South

WARD	Candidate	Description (Party)	Votes Received	Result
Eckington South	Katherine Ann BURROW	Conservative Party	356	
Eckington South	Clive HUNT	Labour Party	1156	ELECTED
Eckington South	Jacqueline Suzanne RIDGWAY	Labour Party	849	ELECTED
Eckington South	Ian Michael TURNER	Conservative Party	380	

## North East Derbyshire District Council - Renishaw

WARD	Candidate	Description (Party)	Votes Received	Result
Renishaw	Judith RAMSHAW	Conservative Party	399	
Renishaw	Brian RIDGWAY	Labour Party	734	ELECTED

## North East Derbyshire District Council - Ridgeway / Marsh Lane

WARD	Candidate	Description (Party)	Votes Received	Result
Ridgeway and Marsh Lane	Michael GORDON	Labour and Co-operative Party	519	ELECTED
Ridgeway and Marsh Lane	Frank Leslie SMITH	Conservative Party	451	

# Eckington Parish Council Website

Our website [www.eckington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk) is being overhauled. We hope to launch a new improved site very soon. **Keep visiting to see the changes**

## Councillors' Surgeries

**Eckington Civic Centre 10.00 am to 11.00 am**

Saturday 4th July

Saturday 1st August

Saturday 5th September

**Ridgeway 11.00 am to 12.00 noon**

Saturday 20th June

Saturday 15th August

**Marsh Lane 11.00 am to 12.00 noon**

Saturday 18th July

Saturday 19th September

## UPDATE

At the Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2015 the Council considered applications for co-option. 4 new councillors have been appointed and we are happy to report that we now have a full complement. The Parish Council would like to thank all those you expressed an interest.

The new councillors are

**Eckington North**

Sam Beecher

Carl Harper

**Ridgeway and Marsh Lane**

Ellen Charlesworth

**Renishaw**

Greg Roberts

Full contact details of all Councillors will feature in the September issue of the Parish Newsletter

## Do You Remember?

In a future edition of the Parish Newsletter we will be including features on two local landmark buildings.

The flourishing Corner Playhouse currently occupies this building but do you remember when it was a community hall?



**This building is due to be demolished. Do you have memories of dancing in this hall?**



If you have any memories of these two venues that you would like to share please contact either Jane ([jane@eckington.plus.com](mailto:jane@eckington.plus.com) 01246 433001) or Christine ([christinegare@hotmail.com](mailto:christinegare@hotmail.com) 01246 435593)

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