



# ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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## CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

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This has been a busy year for your Parish Council, a year of good progress and many changes. Ambitious plans for the Civic Centre are coming to fruition, creating a function/hire venue that is already the envy of some. Using funds from the sale of an asset and applying to outside funding streams the Civic Centre has been transformed into a multi-purpose venue to be proud of. Hard work by the staff and council officers has been the key to this change and they are all to be congratulated. Included is a Parish Office in the Civic Centre which is open 10 am until 12 noon on a Wednesday. This is another small step towards making your parish facilities easier to access.

As a parish we are very lucky to have a thriving groups' community and over the last few months the Council has awarded grants of almost £4,000 to support activities and groups across the spectrum within our borders.

Our hard working outside services staff have also been busy, with changes in the cemetery that are ongoing, which will support the usual planting, strimming and cutting that never seems to stop during the warmer weather. The hanging baskets are to be extended this year and along with litter picking, war memorials and playgrounds this team is looking to be very busy in the next few months.

They are out in all weathers so give them a cheery wave as you pass by.

Community halls play a big role in the daily life of many of us within the parish and your council continues to support these venues which are at the heart of social activities for so many. Please remember grants are available to community groups using these facilities. Just contact the Clerk at the Civic for details.

Working with groups and individuals during the coming months we hope to get a better picture of what YOU WANT TO HAPPEN LOCALLY, so keep an eye out for those pesky questionnaires or just go to the parish website and have a say. Ideas on how to improve the market would be most welcome, so please let us know.

As the Chair, I have a unique overview of all the work done by the Parish Council and workforce. Once again I have the pleasure of thanking them all for the hard work they put in to make his parish a great place to live and work.

*Ollie Brian Ridgway*



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### GRANT AWARDS 2017/18

Derbyshire Police (youth summer programme)	£1000
Eckington Boys and Belles Football Club	£100
Rainbows Play Group	£100
Eckington Town Team (Christmas Fair)	£200
NED LGBT Youth Group	£200
Chesterfield Canal Trust (walking festival)	£100
Eckington Bowls Club	£200
Truffle Pig (fracking awareness event)	£100
Dance Club (organist)	£100
Freedom Church Community Project	£380
Dance Club (organist)	£1320
NED Citizen's Advice (include 2016/17 grant)	£6500
Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre	£2000
Christmas Dinner for the elderly	£500
Eckington Summer Festival	£1100

The Parish Council also supported the Natural Eckington Calendar competition, made a donation to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and provided the trophy for the local Curling competition

## Summer Festival

7 July 2018 From 1.00pm

The Eckington Summer Festival Committee is busy putting the final plans together of this year's festival which is hoping to build on last year's tremendous success.

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 visit the website [eckingtonfestival.com](http://eckingtonfestival.com), like us on Facebook (Eckington Summer Festival) or follow on Twitter @eckingtonfest

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#### Editorial Team

The parish newsletter is compiled by a group of Councillors and officers. If you would like to make any comments on the newsletter please contact Roz Bullimore or Jane Austen (Contact details on 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

## Where the Parish Council money came from and how it was spent in 2017/2018

Income			Expenditure		
	%	£		%	£
Precept	52	259590	Administration	6	31654
Grants	12	58732	Employees	51	253827
Fees & charges	36	181351	Grants	3	13900
From reserve	0	0	Civic Centre	17	85439
			Buildings	9	46101
			Play areas	5	23207
			Cemetery	5	24732
			Environmental	2	8563
			Vehicles	1	6018
			Allotments	1	5102
			General	0	386
			To reserve	0	744
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## Presentation of Grant Cheques February to March 2018



## Action Plan 2018/2019

### Budget and Precept

Eckington Parish Council has agreed its budget and precept of £259,580 plus a support grant of £29,779 for the financial year 2018/2019.

Overall it is anticipated that income in 2018/2019 will be slightly higher than in 2017/18.

Expenditure in 2018/2019 will continue to be carefully managed and additional steps will be taken to try to reduce the running costs and increase the revenue at the Civic Centre.

### Main Priorities

#### 1 Continuous Service Improvement

The Council will continue to pursue actions which improve the quality of, and access to, our services for the benefit of the residents of the Parish. Through increased efficiencies we aim to reduce our admin budget during the coming year.

#### 2 Eckington Civic Centre

The Council aims to reduce our fuel bills and use the monies generated by the new solar panels to continue to maintain and improve the building.

#### 3 Community Engagement

The Council will carry out community consultation in preparation for future funding bids.

#### 4 Funding

Following on from successful applications in 2017/2018 the Council intends to look for other funding opportunities during 2018/19 for projects in other areas of the parish.

### Continuing Provision

The Parish Council's continuing provision includes:

- 1 Support for the Management Committees of the Community Halls at Marsh Lane and Renishaw and Spinkhill
- 2 Allotments
- 3 Cemetery
- 4 Market
- 5 Play Areas
- 6 Grant Scheme and Special Projects.

There will be no reduction in service or provision in 2018/19.



# Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings in Eckington Parish

In North East Derbyshire there are 30 designated conservation areas. It is the quality of the architecture, visual character and historic interest of these areas that makes them special and worthy of conservation. In making the assessment of an area, many factors are considered in determining its character and quality including:

- The historic layout of property boundaries and thoroughfares.
- The inter-relationship of buildings and spaces.
- The mix of building and land use.
- The architectural quality of individual buildings either grand such as town halls, churches and stately houses or vernacular such as workers cottages, water mills and barns.
- The composition of building groups such as terraces, shops, farm complexes, almshouses or industrial complexes (such as mills).
- Vistas into, from, through and around the area under consideration.
- The interaction of the natural and the built environment.
- The age and social history of the area and its buildings.
- The use of materials in buildings, boundaries, paths and open areas.

**Within the Parish of Eckington there are 3 Conservation areas**

1. Moss Valley Conservation Area
2. Eckington High Street Conservation Area
3. Eckington and Renishaw Conservation Area

The exact locations and boundaries of these conservation areas can be viewed using the Find My.. mapping feature on the District Council website [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)

Eckington Parish also contains 80 inclusions in the listed buildings register with 2 Grade I listings of Renshaw Hall and the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, 2 Grade II\* and the rest Grade II. The Grade II listings include individual properties, farmhouses and garden features.

<https://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/eckington-north-east-derbyshire-derbyshire>

Currently the Derbyshire County Council lists 6 structures on the 'at risk' register. The first register, published in 1989, followed a survey of listed buildings at risk by Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust. Since then, monitoring and updating of the register has been carried out by DCC conservation and design section in conjunction with the trust, district and borough councils, Derby City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. Neither DCC nor the trust can be held liable for any inaccuracy in the information provided.

[https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/resources/historicBuildings/by\\_district.aspx](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/resources/historicBuildings/by_district.aspx)

If you live in a Conservation Area, own a listed property or live or own property near to a listing building, then this may influence what you can and cannot do to it if you wish to make changes to your property eg build an extension or remove a tree. You are advised to seek advice from NED Planning Department if you are considering any changes.



## Dogs on Play Areas

In line with advice from the NHS and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Eckington Parish Council is asking residents not to take their dogs onto or across our play areas. This is because dogs can cause health problems in young children.

Dogs can carry infections in their faeces such as e.coli, hepatitis and toxocariasis (an infection caused by roundworm). Children can be affected by contact with soil or grass contaminated with faeces in a play area.

There are also over 7000 admissions to hospital each year for dog bites and children under 10 are the most likely to be affected.

Let's keep our children safe by not walking dogs in play areas.

## Citizenship in Action

In February 2018 the Parish Council were pleased to welcome a student from Stonelow Junior School to help with his school project work. A future Parish Councillor in the making??



## Applying for a Grant

Eckington Parish Council allocates a sum of money each year for the provision of grants to local groups.

### Who can apply?

Any non-profit making group operating in the Parish of Eckington for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Eckington.

### What can you apply for?

You can apply for grants between £50 and £200 and/or a financial contribution towards the cost of a one-off hire of Eckington Civic Centre, Marsh Lane Community Hall or Renishaw and Spinkhill Village Hall for a group activity.

### When can you apply?

You can apply for a grant at any time but you can only apply for a grant once in every twelve month period.

### How to apply?

You can apply on-line or download the application form & return to Eckington Parish Council Clerk, Eckington Civic Centre, Market St., Eckington, S21 4JG

## Councillors' Surgeries

District & 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 Library**  
10.00 am to 11.00 am

Saturday 7th July  
Saturday 4th August  
Saturday 1st September

**Green Lawns Community Centre**  
11.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Saturday 8th September

**Ridgeway Sports and Social Club'**  
11.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Saturday 14th July

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## Electoral Changes 2019

The Local Government Boundary Commission recently undertook a review of the ward boundaries within North East Derbyshire District Council authority area. As a result there will be some changes which will take effect from May 2019 and are briefly outlined below.

**North East Derbyshire District Council** The major change is the amalgamation of Eckington South and Renishaw which from May 2019 will return 3 councillors. There are some changes to the boundary between Eckington North and Eckington South. Ridgeway and Marsh Lane ward remains unchanged

### Eckington Parish Council

There will be some slight internal boundary changes but essentially the warding and number of councillors will remain the same.

Parish ward	No. of parish councillors
Eckington North	6
Eckington South	5
Marsh Lane, Ridgeway & Troway	3
Renishaw & Spinkhill	3

To view the final recommendations visit the Local Government Boundary Commission website: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-midlands/derbyshire/north-east-derbyshire>

North East Derbyshire has also undertaken a consultation on polling arrangements and there will be some small changes which will be highlighted to electors in 2019.

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