

## UPDATE ON CRIME AND SAFETY

**Crime figures for July 2022** These figures are reported by the police to the Eckington Parish Council every month so we can monitor them, ask any questions, and request more details about them from the police.

27th June 2022 - 21st July 2022

VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSON	16	13	3	Down on previous month
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	5	4	1	Up on previous month
PUBLIC ORDER	1	5	4	Up on previous month
THEFT	13	5	8	Down on previous month
VEHICLE CRIME	5	6	1	Up on previous month
DRUGS	0	0	0	Same on previous month
OTHER	1	0	1	Down on previous month
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Down on June 22</b>

ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY STRATEGY	
Promote Derbyshire Alert + spin offs	
Promote Eckington SMT Facebook page	
Local Speedwatch - Resumed	
ASB Patrols	
Parking /School patrols	
Letter drop with partner agencies	
ASB HOTSPOTS	
School Lane / Stead Street	
Eckington Library	
Market Street / Bus Station	

### Speed Watch

Councillors and volunteers have been putting to good use the camera we bought to be used in the parish areas, to raise awareness amongst motorists of driving above the stated legal limit. Rain or sunshine - to date we have visited the seven areas see below, which have been authorised by the police:



Cllrs Andy Dye, Jennifer Archer (pictured above) who were accompanied by a volunteer Richard Fidler and Emma Smith our Clerk.

Recent locations we have checked on all types of vehicles include Lightwood Lane 40mph speed limited area, Marsh Lane B6056 near the school, Main Road in Ridgeway, Eckington A6135 near Aldi, Renishaw - Sheffield Road, High Lane/B6388 Ridgeway, and Lightwood Lane - 30mph speed limited area.

The parish council recently were also successful in a bid and were awarded grant of £3000 from our police and crime commissioner; to go towards buying movable speed indicator devices (SID's) which we can move around the areas.

### Safety

Anyone who wants to work on any of the parish's property or land must first get permission from the Clerk in writing from the Eckington Parish Council office. We must do a risk assessment and it must be signed by the person making the request. This to ensure what is intended to be done meets the safety criteria of our insurance necessary, also that and ensure hi-vis jackets are worn (these are provided) and that appropriate and correct equipment is used. Permission MUST be requested on each and every occasion before any activity is commenced

Please note: Anyone visiting any of our play areas and parkland are requested not to take glass into any of these areas. Broken glass is a hazard for children, adults and animals alike.

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### Parish Police and Crime Event

On Tuesday 6th July Angelique Foster, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, invited councillors and residents from all the parish areas to a meeting in Eckington Civic Centre at 7pm. Angelique made a presentation to share with everyone the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 for Derbyshire and explained what was included and why. This was followed by a question and answer session.



It was also announced that a Neighbourhood Policing Charter was about to be published. To download your own copy of the Strategy and Charter, scan the adjacent QR codes.



Police & Crime Plan 2021-2025 Accessible Version.pdf  
Neighbourhood Policing Charter A4 July 2022.pdf

Anyone who has any information about any incident and concerns or suspicious activity in particular any homeowners with CCTV or drivers with dashcam footage, which could be of help, please get in touch using any the following methods.

#### Facebook

send the police a private message to their Facebook page

#### Twitter

direct message the police contact centre via @DerPolContact

#### Website

There are several crime reporting tools on Derbyshire Police website or use our online contact form

Phone – call us on 101.

You can also anonymously contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111, or contact by visiting the Crimestoppers website

### www.ourwatch.org.uk

Residents were encouraged to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme by Angelique Foster as it's free and provides a wealth of information; it also enables people to share information about any concerns they have or have noticed in their area. Each of the eight areas in the Eckington Parishes have a Local Co-ordinator. Either visit the website or contact the Clerk at the parish office or Cllr Jennifer Archer or any of the Local Co-ordinators for further information. If you join, you also receive emails from the police, keeping you up to date with what is happening locally. Examples:



## LOCAL EVENTS IN THE PARISH

For ticket enquiries call 01246 432770 or book online [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eckington-civic-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eckington-civic-centre)

### Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall Activities

- Monday 5:00-7:35pm  
Twinkle Toes Childrens Dance Class
- Tuesday 5:30-7pm  
Adult Fitness Class
- Wednesday 5:30-7.00pm  
Ju-Jitsu
- Thursday 6:30-8:30pm  
Pilates and Circuit Training
- Friday  
Lane Bowling (September to April)

### Eckington Civic Centre

- Monday 10.30am-12pm Boccia  
5.30-10.30 Sheffield RC Races (Bi-weekly)
- Tuesday 10am-12pm Curling  
7.30pm-10.30pm Boogie Nightz Live
- Wednesday 12pm-3.30pm Eckington Parish Over 60's lunch & Bingo  
6.30pm-8.30pm Eckington Parish Over 60's Bingo
- Thursday 12.30-3pm Lunch Club & Bingo  
6.30-8.30pm Dragons Academy of Martial Arts  
Every 6 weeks Age UK Footcare (by appointment only)
- Sunday 4pm-6pm  
Christian Fellowship Group (Bi-weekly)



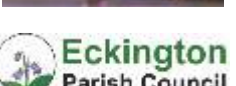
The Eckington Parish Councillors hope you have been able to enjoy the sunshine this summer. Here are some things that have taken place or been implemented since our last newsletter.

**Marsh Lane:** Residents asked the parish council if it was possible to have some hanging baskets. This was agreed at the full parish council meeting. Nine colourful hanging baskets are now in situ, provided by the parish council.

**Eckington:** The parish council is responsible for maintaining our parks and buildings in the parish areas. We now have two people in our workforce monitoring and maintaining the state of equipment etc. One of the new people focuses on the building aspects and one on groundwork activities (mowing grass, cutting hedgerows, and supporting cemetery staff for holidays and busy times). We recently had to buy new swing seats - at a cost of £317: a pod seat and three large flat seats because they had been vandalised. Also, Eckington Town Team and Rotary ran a Race Night at the Civic Centre on Friday 10th June. It was a fun evening and everyone contributed, win or lose, to the £1,115 raised for the Disaster Emergency Committee for Ukraine. The parish council waived the room hire fee and subsidised the pie and peas supper. The only expense was the printing of tickets and posters.

**Renishaw:** Tubs and plants were kindly donated by Richard Godfrey and Job Lot, together with the parish council providing hanging baskets and planters. These will enhance the area, to make it attractive and a more pleasant environment. These are situated in the Emmett Carr Lane and Carrwood Road areas. Eckington Parish Council awarded a free of charge room hire to the Twinkle Toes group to enable them to put on a dance show on 17th August at Renishaw Community Hall. The show raised £1,171 for Ashgate Hospice.

**Defibrillators:** The parish council have recently installed a defibrillator at the One Stop Shop at West End and it is now emergency ready. We are exploring other locations where defibrillators could be installed, including for example, Troway and Green Lawns.



## OUR CURRENT AND RECENT PROJECTS



The New Eckington Town Centre and possible new play area (artists impressions)

### Eckington Levelling Up Bid

As many of you will know, we held consultations in June about the bid we are making to the Levelling Up Fund (Round 2). The response was incredible, with over 500 taking part, and demonstrates just how much Eckington is wanting to move forwards and see our town transformed. The plans will give a new spacious town centre, with room for events and markets, as well as new employment space and new retail units.

We should hear before Christmas if the bid is accepted - but if it is not, we will of course be applying again in Round 3.

We also consulted on a major new play area development, complete with cafe, extensive play area for all ages, skate park and soon, at the Pipeyard Lane recreation area (just past the Miners Arms).

Whether or not we get the bid, the Parish Council will press ahead with this project. We have spent the last 3 years sorting out the Parish finances, and building up the reserves, so we would be in a position to move forwards.

### The Environment

The NEDDC Environmental Enforcement Officer attended the July full council meeting. The Officer spoke about their role and what they are responsible for such as litter, vehicles, control of dogs, stray dogs and fly tipping incidents.

Please note: There is either the online tool or anyone can call the office to report an incident which is logged on the system rather than contacting the Officer directly. Self Service <https://myselfservice.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/> NEDDC - 01246 231111

Dog fouling is largely reactive; penalties can be issued for breaches of Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to dog owners if there is a witness prepared to offer a formal statement for prosecution and evidence from personal CCTV of incidents. Officers can also issue an on the spot fixed penalty if witnessed at the time. The PSPO requires dog owners to have a dog on a lead in a public place, the means to pick up after your dog and to not have more than 6 dogs in your control. There is a £100 penalty if prosecuted. Fly tipping; officers require evidence e.g. CCTV, vehicle registrations if witnessed. Any letters with names and addresses on from within the waste itself and this will also require a formal statement detailing the evidence you have supplied to enable officers to conduct an evidence based investigation with a view to pursue and prosecute offenders.

Abandoned vehicles: Officers will check the MOT and Tax status of the vehicle and other factors such as sagging to the tyres, moss or vegetation growing on and around the vehicle, waste within the vehicle, insecurity or significant damage which would pose a risk to the public and whether the vehicle been there for a significant length of time (around 12 weeks). NEDDC then have power to issue a 7 day notice on the vehicle, which requires the vehicle to be at road standard or be removed from that location within 7 days. The Authority can remove vehicles should the notice not have been complied with after this time and a £250 Penalty Notice may be issued.



## HOLIDAY HUNGER EVENTS



### 25th July to 22nd August

These were fully funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner's grant.

Children were provided with a FREE lunch and lots of fun, games and learning activities at Eckington Civic Centre and Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Halls during the summer holidays as part of Eckington's Holiday Hunger events.

Eckington Parish Council worked together with our own staff, councillors, with a whole host of volunteers and working in partnership with Eckington Community Pantry and Rykneld Homes Ltd to organise the events.

A big thank you to our great team of volunteers and for food donations from Morrisons Supermarket and G. W. Price Wholesalers.

If you would like to know about future events and would like to be added to the mailing list please email [jessica.popplewell-barker@rykneldhomes.org.uk](mailto:jessica.popplewell-barker@rykneldhomes.org.uk)

Over the first three of five sessions that were run 263 children ages 1 to 14 and their accompanying guardian were able to join in and feedback has been very positive.



## Re-Opening of the Eckington Market Friday 22nd July 2022

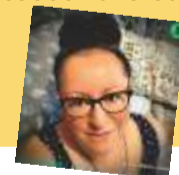
Rain did not stop play on Friday 22nd July and many local people ventured out to see what was on offer right from the start. Lisa Baker's commitment and enthusiasm, together with her team, was amazing. She produced a credible plan and brought her knowledge of the market fraternity. Lisa says I miss those days and recently I had a health scare where it was touch and go for me but I came through it and decided that life is too short and it was time to try and return something to the community, to try and bring back some community spirit and get people meeting each other again and her market idea developed from this.

Discussion with the parish council took place; the council had tried to get market re-started on a number of occasions without success. Working together with Lisa was a really positive way to move forward.



The parish council agreed to support the market and offered to waive stall holders' payments for the time being. Initially, between 17 and 20 market stall providers and traders were sourced. There are legal requirements when operating markets and Lisa ensured compliance by stall holders. She also ensured that all business owners in Eckington were aware of the possibility of re-starting the market and received a positive response. When the market opened on the 22nd, several enquiries were received to see if any stalls were still available - so watch this space and look out for more information on Facebook and other social media and posters.

We are sure you would like to join us and say "Many Thanks" to Lisa for making it happen. More stalls were available the next week and more are coming!



before



after

### The Jubilee Anti - social behaviour

What a shame the wonderful events that took place in and around all our parish areas were marred by the decimating of the crown on the green in front of the bus station.

Whoever did it? Was there any thought about the skills of the person who made it, the time it took them to make, let alone the cost of the materials? Was any consideration given to people who gave up the personal time to erect it?, and the joy and happiness it had given some people? Sadly this was then removed in a flash. Please report any Anti-Social Behaviour in the Parish to the police; if they don't know about it, they cannot monitor or act on anything without the information.



### New in Eckington Parish

A new activity called Boccia has started up on Monday mornings at 10:30 am. at the Eckington Civic Centre So, what is Boccia? It is played indoors with soft leather balls. A sport of intriguing tactics, incredible skill and nail-biting tension.

Once you see it or play it you will be hooked! Players propel balls to land close to a target ball. Two sides compete as individuals, pairs or as a team of three over a set number of ends. Each side has six balls (red or blue) each end to try and score points.

Points are accumulated over the course of a match to find a winner. The sport is played indoors on a 12.5m by 6m court, usually in a hall but any suitable flat playing area can be used. You just need to be able to stand and bowl a ball.



Here is an action photo of some of the members who have embraced this new activity and they would love for you to come and join them.

Thank you

### Eckington Memorial

Councillor Andy Dye met with David Waring to thank him and show our appreciation when he stepped in and rescued a difficult situation at the time of the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War at the Eckington War memorial.