



From the Chair Carolyn Renwick:

The Eckington Parish Council wish all our residents a happy and successful 2021. We thank you for helping to keep our area as safe as possible and following the Governments advice during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Christmas activities in the Parish 2020

In Eckington, photos of festive windows and Christmas trees in Marsh Lane



Quotes from Marsh Lane

“The Christmas Tree near the Memorial with its colourful decorations helped to cheer everyone up after a difficult year. Thanks to Andy Dye who put up the tree, and thanks to all the residents who added decorations”

*Christine Gare
Marsh Lane Tara Group*



Christmas Tree Marsh Lane

Andrew Dye shared the following with us with us: “The Christmas tree in Marsh Lane was sited in the memorial ground - this was put to one side so it did not disrespect the memorial itself. I had very positive feedback from residents who were pleased that they had been thought of. One of the residents asked if they could put a bauble on the tree to commemorate a loved one. I said yes and thought it was a thoughtful idea. I also said that I had no objection to others doing the same. After word got round other residents also added baubles and messages.”

What’s started thanks to you and your generosity

The Community Shop at the Civic Centre to help local people throughout the parish

A big thank you to the local organisations and companies who helped by providing donations for the Christmas parcels

- The Lounge
- Morrison’s
- G. W. Price Ltd have has kindly agreed to support another important new project Holiday Hunger by continuing to donate fresh fruit and vegetables

The Community Pantry will be open on Tuesday 16th February; food will be handed out between 2pm and 3pm. It is not a drop in - people will be allocated a time slot.

COMMUNITY PANTRY



Our Christmas Hamper Donation scheme was a big success, and therefore, we have decided to continue this effort in the form of a 'Holiday Club Hamper' for families who have been adversely effected by the COVID 19 pandemic and need extra support during February half term.

Simply contact us to book your pick up slot
Tuesday 16th February (by appointment only)

LOCATION:
The Civic Centre
Market Street, Eckington

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Look out for our community pantry shop, opening February 2021, details to follow



John Whitehouse and friends describe local litter picking in Renishaw

John Whitehouse shares his story and information on Renishaw litter picks. This the start of what we hope will be many such events now after (when allowed) the dreaded COVID-19 has been tamed. I organised the pick through fb and with the help of a friend and Councillor Philip Wheelhouse. Chris Lindley and I left Renishaw some 45 years ago, we wanted to give something back to the area we enjoyed and grew up in. To this end we emptied the water filled canal of piles of detritus (cans, bottles, poop bags, a bicycle, used syringes with needles still attached and a heavy yellow workman's jacket. The coat was like dragging a dead body out of the water. We were assisted by Catherine Wild clearing the dry bed outbid of where we were working. We also dredged the local pond whilst other local volunteers set off from the car park near the Sitwell Arms to cover the rest of Renishaw. Other helpers, Russell Harrison and his wife, Richard Godley and many more. Philip made sure we had pickers, bags and made sure the many bags that were created were removed. Over 15 bags from a 40m stretch of abused waterway, under the road bridge to where the old pumping shed station stood across the old Chesterfield canal.

Photos illustrate what they achieved on Saturday 10th December 2020



Decided to clear the pond and dredge the surface. I cleared bottles and tin from the rushes and bushes with the assistance of Catherine's friend.



Dates for everyone of all ages to get in involved in our Parish in collecting litter and improving the environment where we live and/or work.

Pickers, gloves and black bin bags are always provided - safety always comes first.

Provisional dates for your calendar so you can plan ahead for litter picks: obviously dependant on the government rules about the COVID-19 virus

- Marsh Lane Saturday 10th April 2021 meeting point Green Lawns 10am
- Marsh Lane Sunday 11th April 2021 meeting point Green Lawns 10am
- Ridgeway Saturday 18th April 2021 meeting point Ridgeway School 10am
- Ridgeway Sunday 19th April 2021 meeting point Ridgeway School 10am
- Eckington Saturday 15th May 2021 meeting point Eckington Leisure Centre 10am
- Eckington Sunday 16th May 2021 meeting point Eckington Leisure Centre 10am
- Renishaw Saturday 22nd May 2021 meeting point The small car park near Sitwell Arms/Canal
- Renishaw Sunday 23rd May 2021 meeting point The small car park near Sitwell Arms/canal

Exciting new play equipment installed in Lansbury Play Area

As part of our plan to provide more facilities for the younger generation of the parish, this is our latest addition to the play area at Lansbury.



Bus shelter in Renishaw has been repaired.

This has been a cost that could have been avoided if it had not been vandalised. It has happened a couple of times before, to our knowledge. The repair cost £2,284.80 including VAT and this has to be paid out of the parish council's financial budget. We would ask residents in Renishaw to help us stop unnecessary vandalism and report anything you see to the police.



Before it was repaired



After it's been repaired

Here is a reminder of the useful local police contacts we have issued previously:

CRIME: If you see or hear anything, report it to our local police. If you need immediate assistance call 999, otherwise, ring 111 or complete the online form on <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>. It will be actioned ASAP. Tell your local parish councillors, as we liaise with the police about it so that we can support you.

We are working on developing the Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch Scheme locally. Look out for information to be announced in the near future.

A little more insight and reasons why we are pleased to be able to be part of the team of the Parish Council



Andrew S Dye

I have been an elected INDEPENDENT Parish Councillor for Ridgeway, Marsh Lane and Troway for the past 20 years. I am always happy to work with the council of the day.

I was born and raised in Troway and for the past 27 years I have lived, with my family, in Ridgeway which I feel qualifies me to have a good local knowledge and understanding of what the people of this Ward want and expect from their local councillor.

I feel that the most important job of a councillor is to not only talk to the community but also get the community talking to each other and one of my greatest passions is to encourage the younger generation to actively take part in their local community.



Jennifer Archer

I have lived in Eckington with my husband for 39 years. Fortunately, both our professional careers working in the UK and abroad enabled us to stay here and both our children went to local schools before going to university. I was elected a parish councillor last summer. Whilst I have always tried to participate and support local events and activities, my work as a health education and training specialist often required me to work away. I had always said that when any opportunity arose, I would give more time to helping the community in which I have enjoyed and benefitted from and where I have made many good friends and colleagues. It has been a steep learning curve in some respects, as the parish council covers several wards which I have had to find out about. I have also needed to find out more about what the parish council does, what it has done in the past and how we can work as a team with the public to ensure our area has a positive and vibrant future.

Eckington, as you have probably not seen it before. Click on each of these video links and enjoy the views. These were kindly shared with us by Natural Eckington

Video 1 [click here](#)

Video 2 [click here](#)