

## Keep Our Parish Tidy

We have all noticed the amount of litter and waste within the Parish, which is why we launched the campaign to 'Keep Our Parish Tidy' last year. After hearing from many residents worried about littering and dog fouling, we are now working with Sheffield City Council Parks department to consider donating 10 litter bins for Parks across our Parish. We are also working with the Estates section of Sheffield City Council and there will be a new bin implemented on Westbrook Road. As well, we are liaising with the Streets team to implement bins for dog fouling in various locations around the Parish, which are blighted with dog waste.

## Ecclesfield Parish Council pledges to take action for insects

Ecclesfield Parish Council is amongst the first to make a pledge to take action for insects.



41% of insect species face extinction. The loss of their habitats and overuse of pesticides are two major reasons why these little creatures are dying out eight times faster than large

mammals. However, it's not too late to help them. The Sheffield Wildlife Trust and wider Wildlife Trust movement is encouraging Parish Councils and others to take action for insects. This would involve the Parish Council taking simple actions to help them recover.

Further information about Sheffield Wildlife Trust's Action For Insects campaign can be found at <https://www.wildsheffield.com/campaign/afi/>

We have taken our first steps to becoming a Dementia Friendly Parish by signing up to the Sheffield Dementia Action Alliance and setting up a working group which includes Councillors, our Community Coordinator and Rosie Strathearn-Brady, Community Development Worker for Soar and Dementia Friends Champion. We are aiming to make all our literature as Dementia Friendly as possible, and circulate the Dementia Friendly key messages, while also making sure all Dementia Friendly events within the Parish are signposted. If you know of any events which are currently running online for those with Dementia or their carers please contact Emma at the Parish Council with the details so we can circulate them through our website, Facebook, and Newsletter. We are also hoping to encourage local businesses to become Dementia Friendly as well, which may mean only making small changes to your business, which will make a positive difference to a person who is living with Dementia. If you run a business within the Parish and would like to be involved please email [emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk). We will be adding a Parish Dementia heroes section to our website with a list of all of the businesses that are involved.



## Christmas, a time for giving

At Christmas we worked in conjunction with local groups and organisations including Soar, High Green Development Trust, Local Councillors, Churches, and Supermarkets to provide those families who are most in need with either meals or family hampers to take the pressure of Christmas off a little bit. We reached 289 people from across our Parish and we are hopeful of holding more events like this as we move through 2021.

**Pictured: Chairman John Housley volunteering to help facilitate the Christmas hamper and meal event.**

We always encourage feedback from our community and we are committed to help our area to be a happy place to live, and a thriving Parish. Please feel free to call or email us using the details in the footer with your comments. Also if you are part of a Community Group we have grants available to help you with anything from equipment to running costs, just email [emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk) for an application form.



## School Uniform Swap Shop is launched

Our School Uniform Swap Shop has been launched and we would like to thank everyone who has donated uniform items so far. These have all been professionally laundered and we have items suitable for all Primary Schools across the Parish and some items suitable for Ecclesfield Secondary School and even Notre Dame – which is another popular choice for children who reside in our Parish. If you would like any items for your children, all you need to do is call the office 0114 2845095 or email [emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk). There will be no awkward questions or forms to fill in, just tell us how old your child is and which school they attend, and we will let you know what is available. We are hopeful that we can make a great impact on helping parents financially, while also having an environmental impact by recycling.

## Helping our local Food Bank

Over Christmas we delivered carloads of donations to St Saviours Food bank for delivery within our Parish to those who are struggling. We can still accept donations, just call the office on 0114 2845095 to make a socially distant drop off appointment. We are also working with Candy Kabin in Chapeltown who are a drop off point for donations, and we would like to say a huge thank you to them and their customers for all of their donations. We also had an enormous donation from the parents from Mazehill Nursery, so we would like to send our huge thanks to all those parents who donated as well. The food bank are currently in need of **toilet roll**, **long life milk** and **tinned vegetables**, so donations of this type would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has donated, and continues to do so.



## Ecclesfield Parish Council set stand still precept for 2021/22

Ecclesfield Parish Council has agreed not to increase the precept that is paid to the Parish Council by residents of the Parish from 1st April 2021.

Speaking about this, Councillor John Housley, Chairman of the Parish Council, said,

'The Council agreed there should be no change in its precept for 2021/22. We are aware that a lot of voluntary groups have not been operating for a long time, and that there will be a significant increase in demand for grants to help them get up and running again. To this end we have earmarked in the budget monies for new projects to support the community. This includes a specific Covid Recovery Fund'.

More details about the budget and the Ecclesfield Parish COVID Recovery Fund will be made available soon.

## Grants Given Over the Winter Period (Correct at date of printing)

### October 2020

Lound Academy Trust – £274.99  
Stronger Minds Together - £1,000  
Friends of Chapeltown Park - £1,000  
Thornccliffe Community Sports – £683.96  
Chapeltown in Bloom – £1,872.00

### November 2020

#### Non given

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Ecclesfield Primary School - £350.00  
Windmill Hill Primary School - £350.00  
St Marys Primary School - £350.00  
Paces - £350.00  
High Green Primary School - £350.00  
Greengate Lane Primary School - £350.00  
Lound Junior School - £350.00  
Lound Infant School - £350.00  
Grenoside Community Primary School - £350.00  
Coit Primary School - £350.00  
Angram Bank Primary School - £350.00  
St Thomas More Primary School - £350.00  
Chapeltown in Bloom - £150.00  
High Green in Bloom - £150.00  
Ecclesfield in Bloom - £150.00  
Burncross Action Team - £150.00  
Grenoside Community Association - £150.00  
Grenoside Community Association - £1,425.00  
Friends of Chapeltown Park - £500.00  
South Yorkshire County Scout Club - £3,180.00  
Burncross Action Team - £720.00  
Friends of Grenoside Green - £150.00

### January 2021

Chapeltown Silver Prize Band - £869.46



## Ecclesfield & District Archive

This quarter we have seen some more additions to our Life Through Lockdown Collection and we welcome more. If you have taken any photographs, videos, or written anything which really captures how life has been during the Pandemic so far within our Parish, we would love to include those too. If you would like more information about our Archive or to get involved please visit [ecclesfield-district-archives.com](http://ecclesfield-district-archives.com)

## Neighbourhood News from South Yorkshire Police

Sergeant Matt Cook has taken over a new team which covers High Green, Chapeltown, Grenoside and Ecclesfield and is keen to build relationships with as many community groups, businesses and organisations as possible.

As part of his mission, he's encouraging people to contact the team: "At the moment my priority is to increase the amount of community organisations that we're involved with. If you're a local sports club, a community network, a residents' action group or a school I want to hear from you. By building up contact with local people, we can react effectively to the issues you care about. I'm taking over a fantastic part of the city and I know there is a lot going on, albeit in a different way due to the pandemic. If you're holding Zoom meetings, or online forums, then I'm happy to dial in and say hello – I just need to know about them."

Sgt Cook is also appealing for people to speak to him about issues that might be concerning them: "As neighbourhood officers we're responsible for long-term problem solving. I am aware that burglary, nuisance vehicles and off-road bikes are pressing concerns and I'm looking at ways we can address them." You can contact Sergeant Cook by emailing [matthew.cook@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.cook@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) and follow us on Facebook Sheffield North East NPT and Twitter @SheffNE\_NPT for up to date news.



Left to right, PCSO Yates, PS Cook, PC Fera and PCSO Raynor