

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021

Meet your new Parish Councillors

Following the elections on the 6th May, we welcome four new Parish Councillors:



Councillor John Bowden
Chapeltown ward



Councillor Susan Davidson
Burncross ward



Councillor Denise Fearnley
High Green ward



Councillor Thomas Sturgess
Chapeltown ward

They join our existing Councillors who cover our Parish as follows:

Chairman, Councillor John Housley - Chapeltown ward

Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg - Burncross ward

Councillor Terence Bawden - Thorncliffe ward

Councillor Victoria Bowden - Ecclesfield ward

Councillor Paul Brunt - Chapeltown ward

Councillor Tracy Grantham - High Green ward

Councillor Kate Guest - Ecclesfield ward

Councillor Alan Hooper - Grenoside ward

Councillor Gary Lakin - Thorncliffe ward

Councillor Carol Levery - Grenoside ward

Councillor David Ogle - High Green ward

Parish Council opens new fund for groups and organisations affected by COVID

In response to the serious effect the COVID pandemic has had on groups and organisations in the Parish, the Parish Council has established a Covid Support and Recovery Fund for the financial year 2021 to 2022. This Fund will support groups and organisations in the Parish to continue to deliver their activities, support existing users and services, while responding to the immediate crisis, or undertaking recovery or resilience activity in response to COVID-19 within Ecclesfield Parish.

The Fund has a value of at least £25,000 and will provide grants of up to £5,000 for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Further information can be found at <https://ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk/grant-applications/>



Ecclesfield & District Archive

We are looking at putting together a mobile friendly website which will feature our heritage Parish walks. This will include downloadable maps for people to use when walking in the Parish. We are just in the initial stages of putting this together and would welcome input from anyone who has a keen interest in walking, and knowledge of the Parish. We would love to hear from you, please contact us using the details in the footer.

Fighting for better Fibre links

The Council has written to BT Openreach, the Government and others to express its concerns about the slow progress with the roll-out of fibre broadband in the Parish and press that they accelerate their efforts to roll out the provision of fibre broadband across the whole of the Parish.

This follows concerns by Councillors, residents and others that we have a digital divide where parts of the Parish have good fibre broadband connections and others do not. This is not acceptable, and a source of concern and frustration by many parishioners, businesses and others.

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 for an application form.



The Parish Council has been awarded 'Census Champion' status for our efforts to promote this year's census.

Parish Council declare Climate Emergency

At the May meeting, the Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency.

In doing so, it joined with many hundreds of other local authorities, including Sheffield City Council, in making the declaration.

The Parish Council has already introduced projects such as the school uniform swap shop, tree planting and becoming a hedgehog friendly Parish, as well as offering grants to environmental projects across the Parish that will assist in addressing climate change. It is now considering what more it can do to act sustainably as well as supporting and encouraging the residents of our Parish to make their own changes.

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

February 2021

Friends of Charlton Brook — £5730
Chapeltown Forum — £281.90
Appletree Childcare — £400
South Yorkshire County Scout Council Club — £3240
Disability Sport Yorkshire — £1070

March 2021

High Green in Bloom — £2500
High Green Women's Institute — £356.67
Chapeltown Hockey Club — £9594
Burncross Action Team — £140
Friends of Ecclesfield Park — £2837

April 2021

None given

Hedgehog Friendly Parish

As you may have seen, we are trying become a little more hedgehog friendly within our Parish, as hedgehogs are now vulnerable to extinction. We have sent

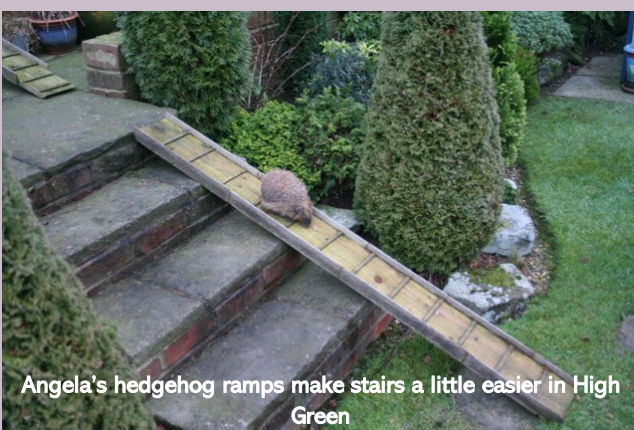
hedgehog packs to all of our schools and you may have seen our invitation to become a hedgehog hero in Look Local a few weeks ago. We have lots of top tips to help our spiky residents including:

- Leaving a section of your garden to go wild, great for insects and hedgehogs too.
- Leave out a saucer of water.
- Put out some meaty cat or dog food.
- Build a hedgehog home - instructions can be found on our hedgehog heroes section of the website: <https://ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk/hedgehog-heroes/>
- Start your own hedgehog highways with your neighbours by making a small hole (13cm x 13cm) in ground level fencing.

This last point is particularly important as hedgehogs need to be able to roam freely in their habitats and fencing off gardens is one of the major disruptions they face. By making small holes in fences, hedgehogs can forage and move up to 3km every night! If you have done this, or choose to make a hole for the first time, please let us know as we have some hedgehog plaques to pop above any hedgehog holes to ensure they are kept open—just send us your postal details and we'll send some out. We would love to add you to our hedgehog heroes honour roll and show off everything we are doing in our Parish to help our hedgehogs. Just send any photos to us via email to emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk and join our other heroes including Angela, Naiose and Ronnie. You can see their efforts on the 'Hedgehog Hero' section of our website.



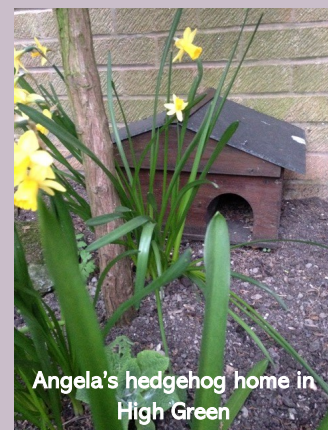
Photo Credit: Hedgehog Preservation society



Angela's hedgehog ramps make stairs a little easier in High Green



Naiose and Ronnie's hedgehog feeding box in Burncross



Angela's hedgehog home in High Green