

Summer 2021

Meet our new Parish Council Councillors

We now have two new Councillors, Councillor Tim Whitaker for High Green Ward and Councillor Mick Gethin for Chapeltown ward. Both pictured below with Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg.



Community Room Refurbishment - Update

The Council have made a decision to appoint a preferred bidder (Homes4Yorkshire) to undertake the Community room refurbishment.

The next steps will be for the Council to coordinate and finalise with the preferred bidder to start the works. When this has been established, we will be in a position to give an estimate as to when the Community room will be reopened.

We thank you again for your continued patience and can't wait to welcome you all back as soon as possible.

Chairman's Award

At the September Full Council meeting, Councillor John Brownrigg presented his first Chairman's award to Thomas Tredoux for being the first cub from the 25th Ecclesfield division to complete all of his Cub Scout badges.

Pictured right: Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg presenting Thomas Tredoux with his Chairman's award, also present, Chairman of Ecclesfield Scouts Ian Potter



Reminder: Our Full Council meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month and our Finance and Planning meetings are on the third Thursday. Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings, for more information please visit our website.

Railway Trespass - Blackburn Brook/ Butterthwaite Lane, Ecclesfield

Our local transport police have told us they have seen an increase in incidents of railway trespass and stone throwing issues involving both boys and girls aged 14 -16 near to Blackburn Brook / Butterthwaite Lane, Ecclesfield. They have asked for this to be included in our newsletter to ask parents to please speak with their children regarding the dangers of trespassing on railways. There is lots of useful information that can be found by using the link below: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/railway-safety-campaigns/trespass-campaigns/>

Summer Giving

In early summer we worked in conjunction with local groups and organisations Soar, Local Councillors, Churches, St Saviours Food Bank and Supermarkets to provide those families who are most in need with family summer hampers to alleviate some of the pressures of feeding their families over summer. We are hopeful of holding more events like this in Autumn and Winter.



Ecclesfield & District Archive

Over summer we have been working on a new walking website which we are hoping to launch this September.

This will include the walks from our current walking leaflets and then we intend to develop some new walks of varying levels of difficulty. We would love to hear from you if you are a keen walker and would like to be involved in putting some new walks together.

Uniform Swap Shop Success

Back in early summer we held our first School Uniform Swap Shop open day and gave away over 400 pieces of uniform, saving parents hundreds of pounds and helping the environment by reusing items.



We are hoping to hold another open day and repeat this success in this new academic year. Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page for more information. Please contact Emma to request items for your child, as we can put bundles together for you to pick up from our offices in High Green.

Ecclesfield Parish Council meets with MP

As many of you are aware our Parish is blighted by poor internet speeds and lack of fibre broadband for many. We have been lobbying Government and Openreach and have secured a meeting with our MP Miriam Cates to try and resolve these issues.

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.

Grenoside Park—Nature Picnic day



Free Family Fun Nature Picnic Days

Over the summer holidays we held two free family fun days aimed at encouraging families to be a little bit more aware of the plight of



Families enjoying our nature picnic event at Grenoside

our hedgehogs and other nature and encouraging them to make small changes in their own gardens to help our garden creatures.

We held one nature picnic at Grenoside Park and one at Chapeltown Park over a weekend in August and they were huge successes. Whole families got involved in our activities, and

prizes were won while passing on information to help our garden nature across our Parish. We hope to hold more days like this next summer across different parks within our Parish. We are still wanting to hear from anyone who has hedgehogs visiting their garden and we will add you to our Hedgehog honour roll on our website. Just contact Emma using the details in the footer.



Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg, pictured with Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Housley, Councillor Carol Levery and Clerk Andrew Towler

Parish Council Grants

(Correct at date of printing)



Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg presenting the cheque to Michelle and Jason Dickinson from Friends of Charlton Brook, also pictured with Councillor David Ogle

Grants awarded since our last newsletter

Friends of Charlton Brook - £4,270.00

Ecclesfield Gala Committee £1,110.00

Unibrass Foundation £981.00

Don District Explorers £1,940.49

Neighbourhood News from South Yorkshire Police

The dedicated team covering Ecclesfield, Chapeltown, High Green and Grenoside has now been in place for over 8 months and we've grown in size and are hopefully having a greater impact in the community.

One of our objectives coming out of the Covid-19 lockdowns has been to increase visibility in the community which we do through regular foot patrols, as well as using our cars and good old-fashioned push-bike patrols! We have also been attending and holding community meetings and events where it's been fantastic to meet members of the public.

We have also seen an increase in direct contact from local people, which means we can respond more quickly to the things which matter most to you.

Through summer, the demand on the force increases, but we're always here for you. Please consider reporting non-urgent incidents online using our new portal, there's also a live chat function you can use.

Crime remains low in the area and we are not seeing the rise in summer burglaries which other areas are, but this is a timely reminder to make sure car keys aren't accessible through open doors and windows, consider using faraday punches for keyless entry vehicle and even though it's hot – don't leave doors and windows open.

One final thing, if you or someone in your family is interested in joining the police, we're recruiting! Applications are being welcomed to the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship route from people across all communities and cultures, whatever your background, visit:

www.southyorks.police.uk/bethefuture - Sergeant Cook, Local Policing Team

Reminder: We are holding police surgeries every month at Ecclesfield Parish Council Offices for the public to pop in and speak with our local police team regarding any issues they may have. Details of the next surgery will be published on our website and Facebook page once it has been confirmed.