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ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Official Newsletter



MP Miriam Cates visits the Parish Council

The Parish Council had a successful meeting with our MP Miriam Cates and talked through different issues facing the Parish. We look forward to her taking these issues forward and working on resolutions. We will be posting updates once we have them.

Pictured from left to right: Chairman Councillor John Brownrigg, MP Miriam Cates, Vice-Chairman Councillor John Housley, Clerk Andrew Towlerton, Community Coordinator Emma Mainwaring



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in 2022

The Parish Council is making plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 across Ecclesfield Parish and all residents are invited! The Queen is the only UK monarch ever to reach the unbelievable milestone of 70 years since her coronation - having already celebrated her silver, gold and diamond jubilees.

The Parish Council is currently in early-stage discussions about ways in which the whole community can come together to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee from Thursday 2nd June-Sunday 5th June next year.

If you have any ideas for activities and events that could be run over this long weekend we would like to hear them, just email Emma - see details in the footer.

Walking Website

Ecclesfield & District Archive have launched the new heritage walks website with 7 walks around the Parish, including downloadable maps along with historical sites to spot along the way. We are looking into purchasing some information posts to highlight these walks in the near future, which will make each walk even more interactive. To view our new website please visit www.ecclesfield-parish-walks.co.uk. If you would like to help us put together more walks to add to the website please contact emmamainwaring@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk as we would love some help from the community to develop buggy friendly walks, child friendly walks, easy walking routes as well as those for the more adventurous as well.



Grants Awarded

Correct at time of printing

CHAPELGREEN ADVICE
CENTRE - £3,470

BURNCROSS ACTION TEAM -
£5,889.22

GRENOSIDE PARK BOWLING
CLUB - £250

THORNCLIFFE COMMUNITY
SPORTS - £800

HIGH GREEN PLAYGROUP -
£540

HIGH GREEN MUSICAL
THEATRE - £1,900

FRIENDS OF ECCLESFIELD
PARK - £11,300





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.

Council's accounts get a clean bill of health

Independent external auditors have found that the Parish Council's accounts and financial process for the financial year end ending 31 March 2021 are in good health.

As with every other Council, the Parish Council's accounts are open to inspection each year, and are formally audited by Government appointed inspections through a process called the Annual Governance and Accountability (AGAR) return.

Community Room Refurbishment

The planned improvements to the Community Room have taken a major step forward following the appointment of not-for-profit organisation Homes4Yorkshire to undertake the works. Their appointment follows a competitive bidding process. They are expected to commence works soon.

News from your local neighbourhood policing team

As we move towards darker nights and the Christmas period it is time to remind everybody of some crime prevention tips to prevent making you an easy target to those in the community set to spoil things.

- Keep front and back doors locked at all times and keep keys and valuables out of sight and reach from cat flaps, letterboxes and downstairs doors and windows.
- Close, and ideally lock, all windows when you're not in the room – approximately one in four burglaries in the county still happen because doors have been left unlocked or windows left open.
- If it's dark before you get home, use timer switches to turn on the lights.
- Make sure your door is well lit and fully visible from the street – dusk-to-dawn lamp adaptors are available from DIY stores.
- Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment – remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms.
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front of the house pruned to below one metre – remove any cover for a burglar to work unseen and give your neighbours every chance to spot something suspicious.
- On cold mornings, never leave your car unattended with the engine running to defrost the windows.
- When out in your car, look out for Park Mark accredited car parks and remove all items from your vehicle when you leave it.

If you are out enjoying a festive drink please don't drive, even one drink can impair your driving – arrange a taxi or a lift from family or friends. We will be conducting increased drink driving operations over the festive periods. If you are walking home then always walk in groups using well-lit routes and let people know where you are.

Be aware of more "Bogus Officials" who are out over the Christmas period, so never let anybody in your house you aren't expecting, if you aren't sure, ring the company direct to check they are genuine, they won't mind. If in any doubt please call us.

You can follow us on Facebook 'Sheffield North East NPT' and Twitter '@SheffNE_NPT' or sign up to SYP Alerts for targeted emails to your inbox which can be found via our website.

If you wish for us to join you at an event, or come and talk to your community group please get in touch with Sgt Cook. Matthew.cook@southyorks.pnn.police.uk.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, and for those who we don't, we hope you have a brilliant Christmas.

HEDGEHOG CORNER

It's that time of year when we start piling up wood for bonfire night. Please can we remember our spikey residents and check they haven't crawled in before you light them. To a hedgehog, bonfire piles look like the perfect place to sleep. As it has been unseasonably warm as well, you may see more hedgehogs out than usual. Ideally resight your bonfire a few meters away immediately prior to lighting it or only build it just before you light it.