

# ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Official Newsletter

Charlton Brook

## Council Operating to a 'High Standard'

Following an independent inspection of its governance and financial systems and operations for 2022/2023, the internal auditor described the Council as operating to 'a high standard' and gave it a clean bill of health.

## Ecclesfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan takes a step forward

An important milestone has been reached in the preparation of the Ecclesfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Over the last few years, Ecclesfield Parish Council, together with members of the community and Sheffield City Council, has been developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

This is an important document as it outlines a future vision for the Parish and includes planning policies that will be used to determine planning proposals for Ecclesfield Parish. It will ensure we get the right type of development, in the right place.

An initial draft of the neighbourhood plan has now been prepared.

Accompanying it is a draft Design Code. The first of its kind in the city, Ecclesfield Design Code sets clear expectations and rules about the design of new developments in an area to make sure that it delivers suitable and sustainable development, not only for people, but also wildlife and the environment.

To read the draft neighbourhood plan and accompanying draft Ecclesfield Design Codes and any other supporting evidence please visit <https://ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk/ecclesfield-neighbourhood-plan/> and see the links.

## Ecclesfield & District Archive walk around Charlton Brook and Chapeltown



This month Ecclesfield & District Archive carried out a guided community walk around Charlton Brook and Chapeltown which was enjoyed by members of the public for free.

They were told lots of interesting facts about bygone times as they wandered down memory lane. We may look at holding more of these in the future, just keep your eyes on our Facebook page @EcclesfieldDistrictArchive



Members of the public enjoying the walk

## Chairman re-opens Ecclesfield Police station

After being closed for refurbishment for quite some time, Ecclesfield Police Station was officially re-opened in early July by our Chairman Susan Davidson, in the

presence of Acting Inspector Matt Cook and local officers. The enquiry desk at Ecclesfield will be open from Thursday to Saturday, from 11am to 5pm. Closed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.



## Grants Awarded

Correct at time of printing

BURN CROSS ACTION TEAM - £1,500.00

ECCLESFIELD GALA - £1,991.00

GRENOSIDE SINGERS - £2,200.00

ECCLESFIELD HANDBELL RINGERS -  
£1,000.00



Burncross Action Team planting their time capsule with Chairman Cllr Susan Davidson

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

## Belated Time Capsules are planted

To celebrate our 125th year, the Parish Council decided to hand out time capsules to schools and community groups to mark how the Parish is today and what it is like to live here.

These will then be dug up in 30 years time and show the people of tomorrow how we live today.



## School Holiday Club

This summer we are working with Activ Regen to offer a school holiday club free of charge for the last two weeks of the summer holidays. This proved really popular and is already fully booked - we can't wait to get started.

## School Uniform Swap Shop open day - Get prepped for the new school year

Our summer school uniform swap shop will be taking place on Saturday 29th July between 10am - 1pm for families to pop in and pick up what they need - completely free of charge. This will be the last swap shop where we can offer logo-ed items due to a change in the law. From September onwards we can only offer generic uniform without logos.



## Chairman's awards

Our Chairman Susan Davidson honoured some of our younger Parish members in July with two Youth Chairman's Awards. They were awarded to Shay O'Grady and Leah Walton who were both honoured for outstanding fundraising. Shay has raised over £46,000 for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice in support of his cousin Evie who attends the hospice. Shay has lots of plans for more fundraising coming up including a triathlon and 24 hour charity football match. While Leah has fundraised over £14,000 through sponsored swimming and raffles to raise money for poorly children.



## Important Changes to the Council's Grant Policy and Procedures

The Council has reviewed its grant policy, and, as a result, the process and procedures for applying for a grant have changed. One of the main changes is that the maximum amount of funding an eligible group can apply from the Council's grant programme is £2,000.

The main reason the Council has had to make this change is to ensure that all applications are treated fairly and that applicants are not at risk of losing out towards the end of the financial year because the allocated budget has run out of funds.

It has already received more grant applications than its funding can support in this financial year. The Council won't be able to help everyone who applies, so we have had to make a difficult decision about how to prioritise our grants.

The Council hopes to introduce a 'large' project programme later this year, so we can support more local voluntary, community and self-help groups, especially those who require more financial support than can be provided through the Parish Council's small grants programme.

## Councillors enjoy Galas

In early summer Councillors enjoyed meeting members of the public at Grenoside and Chapeltown Galas. Great days out for the whole community. Look out for us at High Green in the Park, Ecclesfield Gala and Chapeltown Show in late summer.



Clerk Andrew Towler pictured with Cllr Alan Hooper, Chairman Cllr Susan Davidson, Cllr Michael Levery and Cllr Denise Fearnley