



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 12th November as follows:

St John's Church, Eggescliffe: There will be a service in Church at 10.00am, followed by a procession to Eggescliffe War Memorial at 10.45am.

All Saints Church, Preston on Tees: Service commences at 9.45am, the Parade will then make its way to the War Memorial, Albert Road.

Although there is no formal service, a Poppy Wreath will be laid at the War Memorial outside the Great North Air Ambulance Service offices at Urlay Nook.

A WORD OF WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

After our recent local elections, I was honoured to be voted in as Chair for the Parish Council. The elections saw the retirement of Cllrs Rigg, Perrie, Lamond & Edwards, along with the very sad passing of Cllr Mike Lawson; all of whom have been long serving and valuable members of the community and council over many years where they have made such a positive difference!

So, "What does the Parish Council actually do?" Well, let me briefly explain: Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council (E&EC) is the first tier of local government in our area and not related to the Church parish council. It uses a small amount of Council Tax collected via the 'precept' each year for it's work, councillors are unpaid. E&EC is responsible for managing two allotment sites, four play areas, Eggescliffe Green and Memorial Gardens in Eggescliffe, Queen Elizabeth II garden on Urlay Nook Rd and, with Preston Parish Council, Memorial Park (Tittybottle Park) on Yarm Rd. A summer fete has been held on Eggescliffe village green in recent years, please see the Summer Fete article on page 3. The Parish Council also owns the recreation field at Allens West, which is leased partly to Leven Junior Football Club and partly to Taylor Wimpey for the provision of play facilities for older children from the new Allen's West housing development. So we do manage quite an extensive part of the community's amenities!

There are 13 councillors elected for a 4 year period. Currently the Council is short of Councillors and open to *co-opt* new members to fill the vacancies. The full council meetings are monthly with Committee meetings in between, normally outside working hours, further information is available on our website <http://www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> We, the parish council, differ from our Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament in that we are non political, and purposely keep it that way. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome any new residents to the area, especially within our new housing estates. We would love for you to get involved in the community and if after reading this, you're interested in supporting or joining the Parish Council, then please do get in touch. - *Thank you, Councillor Marc de Launay.*

PLAY AREAS

Adult fitness equipment to be installed at St Margaret's Play Area

The Recreation Committee is pleased to announce that adult fitness equipment will be installed at St Margaret's Play Area prior to the end of this financial year. This equipment has been requested by residents and the committee is excited to be able to provide this new amenity for the community.

Recreation Budget for financial year 2024/25 – The budget preparations for the next financial year will see the start of a two or three-part programme of works to be carried out in **Amberley Way**. The first phase will be made up of inclusive equipment, the centrepiece will be an inclusive Wheelchair Accessible Roundabout. The committee is committed to providing inclusive recreation opportunities for all residents, and it believes that this new equipment will be a valuable asset to the community. Please feel free to comment or provide ideas for the parish recreation areas.



CHECK WHATS ON & SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VENUES

This newsletter cannot carry details of all coming events due to it's twice yearly issue. It's worth keeping your eyes open on notice boards, social media and the local press. We are privileged to be served here by community halls, run by volunteers, with charitable status. They are:

Egglescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane: <http://www.egglescliffeparishhall.co.uk/events-ticket-information.html>

Egglescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane <https://www.eggcomctr.co.uk/upcoming-events/>
Egglescliffe Village Hall, 590A, Yarm Road <http://www.teesvalleyvillagehalls.net/eaglescliffe.html>



SUMMER FETE 2023



It was wonderful to see everyone that attended the Summer Fete enjoying themselves and having fun as a community. The events included the Punch and Judy show, magic from Tom Rolfe and music from the excellent Princes of Montecarlo had people on their feet. The Coconut Shy, Face painting, Tombola and naming the Teddy helped raise £642.50 for the Chairmans chosen charities which this year were jointly the Tees River Rescue and the Great North Air Ambulance Service. It was also great to see the local Firefighters calling in between their call outs and local stall holders pitching up to join the fun. The fete is organised with the support of the Egglescliffe Area Residents Association (EARA) and other incredible volunteers. If anyone would like to join the Summer Fete working group to help arrange the 2024 event, please contact the Clerk.

FESTIVE LIGHTING

Christmas lighting will be soon be seen in several areas around the parish: on the trees at South View; Yarm Road and Durham Lane and on street lighting columns. The lights will bring a little festive glow to the dark evenings.

Seats on Egglescliffe Village Green

Residents may have noticed that a 2nd tree seat bench has been removed on the Green owing to it's condition. The Parish Council are currently trying to source replacements which are in keeping with the restraints of a rural conservation area.

Planning - What shall we see in our area?

Your parish council has the right to be consulted on all planning applications in its area and to comment on them, although the decisions are made by Stockton Borough Council. We use our local knowledge.

The houses currently being built on **Hunter's Rest Farm** were granted planning permission which provides a public open space behind the backs of houses in Valley Gardens. The developers later applied to build seven bungalows on that space. We opposed this, as the residents of the estate would have no open space nearby on that side of Uray Nook Road; also, some bungalows would be too close to the electricity grid transmission wires. At the time of going to print, SBC Planning have refused the application.

A cycle-track is proposed for the full length of **Durham Lane** between the Elton A66 interchange and Egglescliffe School, crossing Uray Nook Road on the west side of the *Tesco* roundabout.

Work should start this Autumn on a large new car park on the west side of **Egglescliffe Station**, with access from Durham Lane via the Industrial Park. Combined with a new footbridge across the full width of the railway tracks, this will relieve pressure on the existing car park, give access to the Station for people living or working on the west side of the line and mean that residents of the increasing number of houses in west Stockton could catch a train without using Yarm Road.

BELLS BRIDGE - We have expressed concern to Stockton Borough Council and Network Rail about the state of the parapets of **Bells Bridge** (also known as Egglescliffe Old Junction Bridge), between Yarm Road and Burnmoor Drive. SBC explained they continue to monitor the cracks on the bridge and are in dialogue with Network Rail to plan works into future budgets. E&EC will continue to regularly ask for updates.



ROAD SAFETY IN EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE

As a Parish Council, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our community members on local roads. To achieve this, we are inviting feedback and comments from the residents of our parish on local road safety. We believe that gathering feedback from the community is essential to understanding the priorities of the people and making informed decisions on road safety measures. We understand that road safety is a pressing concern for many people in our community, and we want to hear from you about your experiences and concerns. Whether it's speeding, reckless driving, or poor road conditions, we want to know what issues are affecting you and your neighbours. Your feedback will help us identify areas that need improvement and prioritise road safety measures accordingly. It will also help us understand what measures are most important to you, so we can work together to make our roads safer for everyone.

We encourage all residents of our parish to provide their feedback and comments on local road safety. You can do this by completing a 5 minute survey on our website by clicking on the following link. <https://forms.office.com/r/Gs9zBZW7> or via website <http://www.egglescliffeand eaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> under Road Safety Survey. We value your input and appreciate your participation in this initiative. Together, we can make our roads safer and improve the quality of life for everyone in our community. Thank you in advance for your support!

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Our Parish Council Community Award is given every year to individuals and/or groups who have made a worthwhile contribution to our life within the Parish Community.

Those nominated don't necessarily have to be resident or based in the Parish, but they need to simply meet at least one of the following criteria: to have achieved something particularly noteworthy within the Parish; to have enhanced the reputation of the parish – physically or metaphorically; to have made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the Parish.

Just send details of the person you wish to nominate as well as your own in writing or email to the Clerk to the Council and why you think they should win this award.

Recreation areas & Anti Social Behaviour

Our play & recreation areas give hours of pleasure to both adults and children in our parish and we don't want them to become un-useable because of the actions of the few.

Please help by reporting any ASB to the Civic Enforcement Team as soon as you see a problem.

St Johns Church—Floodlights update

Following the article in the Spring newsletter explaining that the church floodlights had reached the end of their maintainable life, mixed views were received from residents regarding the parish council funding the replacement aesthetic lighting to keep the church illuminated. The parish council continue to work with the Church to explore options that also meet net zero carbon targets, including solar lighting to light up the tower only. It's very unlikely that new lights will be installed this winter or this financial year. Please feel free to comment on your views on the comments slip on the rear page.

Parish Website Update: More Information and New Tools

The parish website is constantly being updated with new information and tools to make it more useful and informative for residents. The recent additions include:

- A Defibfinder to help identify and find defibrillators that are local to you.
- A link to Connect Tees Valley, which helps with travel planning throughout the Tees Valley whether by bus, train, cycling, or walking.

These additions are just part of our ongoing efforts to make the parish website a more progressive tool for consultation with residents. We believe that it is important to get feedback from residents on our projects and initiatives, and we are committed to using the website to facilitate this process.

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Council meetings, are usually held on the first Thursday each month at All Saints Church, Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe. These meetings are open to the public and press. If there's something you want to discuss with your Councillor, please come along, you are welcome to observe from 7pm and there are opportunities at 8pm to speak at the meeting.

Forthcoming meetings are :-

7th December 2023; January 11th & 25th 2023; 8th Feb, 7th March 2023; 4th April 2023

Check our website <http://www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including the dates of committee meetings. There are currently vacancies on the Council, for further information or if interested to join the council please contact the Clerk.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Anti-social Behaviour: If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour in your area, contact the Civic Enforcement Service or in an emergency contact the police:

Civic Enforcement Service Tel: 01642 607943 Email civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk

Your concerns will be passed on to a dedicated officer for that area who will be able to offer advice and information, and take action where necessary.

Neighbourhood Policing Call 101. In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, ring 999

Care For Your Area Tel. 01642 391959 Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk.

COMMENT SHEET

You are invited to complete and return this section with any comments, suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!) or on any items in this newsletter.

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Please print your details to enable us to respond: your details will be used only for the purposes of responding to your comments and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.

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