

# EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 13th November as follows:



**St John's Church, Egglecliffe:** There will be a service in Church at 10am followed by a procession to Egglecliffe 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 Uray Nook.

### **VOTE** ELECTION NEXT YEAR

The term of office of all our parish councillors will end in May 2023. Anyone (including them, if they so wish) who wishes to be a parish councillor will need to stand for election. However, there will be a difference. Previously, all 13 councillors represented and were elected by the whole civil parish. In 2023 there will be two parish wards, separated by the north-south railway line - seven councillors for Egglecliffe West and six for Egglecliffe East. Candidates will need to stand for one or the other, not both. For each ward separately if there are more candidates than seats there will be a poll (with the electors of that ward only voting); otherwise candidates will be elected unopposed. Candidates will not have to choose to stand in the ward in which they live. Once elected, all parish councillors will act together as the parish council to serve the whole parish.

Meanwhile, there are vacancies on our parish council which can be filled by co-option. If interested this is an opportunity to try being a councillor without a long-term commitment.

Details from our Clerk.

### PLAY AREAS AND ASB

Sadly we've had ongoing problems with Anti-Social Behaviour at some of our play areas over recent months. Members of the Recreation Committee had a very constructive meeting with the Stockton Borough Council Enforcement Case Manager to discuss the problem. Following that, you might have spotted a new leaflet up in our Council Notice Boards with helpful tips on dealing with ASB. Important points to remember:

- If you see people engaged in damaging the equipment or behaving in a manner that causes anxiety or discomfort to you or others please ring Enforcement on 01642 607943 as soon as you can.
- If the behaviour threatens the safety of you or others, or involves serious actions like arson, please ring the police as soon as possible.
- Even if there isn't an officer free to attend immediately the call will be logged with the time and location, meaning that CCTV can be checked and that the frequency of the problem is better understood and patrols planned accordingly.

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

**Please help by notifying Enforcement as soon as you see a problem.**

Meanwhile we continue to look at the options for Amberley Way play area from a number of play equipment providers before a full consultation with local people.



## CHECK WHATS ON SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VENUES

This newsletter cannot carry details of all coming events - it is not issued sufficiently frequently and there is a lead time between composing and delivering it. It's worth keeping your eyes open on notice boards, social media

and the local press. We are privileged to be served here by three 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/>

**Eaglescliffe Village Hall, 590A, Yarm Road** <http://www.teesvalleyvillagehalls.net/eaglescliffe.html>

### FESTIVE LIGHTING

Christmas lighting will be soon be seen in several areas around the parish: including on the living trees at South View; Yarm Road and Durham Lane and on street lighting columns. Your council has no plans for any further lighting this year and the switch on date is yet to be confirmed. The lights will bring a little festive glow to the dark evenings.

### COMMUNITY AWARDS

The closing date for nominations for this years community awards is 31st January 2023 and so far we have received only one nomination! Surely there are many more people out there deserving of recognition for what they do. So, if you know of an individual or group that deserves acknowledgement for their efforts in 2022 then please take a few minutes to nominate them for the Parish Council Community Award 2022. Just put the name and phone number/email or address (if known) of the person you wish to nominate as well as your own (and the same information of any additional supporters) in writing / email to the Clerk to the Council. See back page for contact details

### RETIREMENT AND NEW CLERK / RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE COUNCIL

After fourteen years dedicated service Carole Whitehead our wonderful Clerk/RFO for Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council has made the decision to retire in December to spend more time with her family (we have to admit Carole deserves a well earned rest). On joining the council Carole immediately got stuck into supporting the council in some major play area improvements all whilst studying and achieving the Certificate in Local Council Administration with a Distinction. (How lucky were we). Her knowledge and experience has grown with every meeting giving the council good advice and helping to create a Neighbourhood Plan that is now in its final stages. Carole without hesitation after the successful Jubilee celebrations in 2012 agreed that an annual event in the summer would be a great idea to bring the community together. Despite the extra time involved Carole has embraced working with EARA, other organisations and members of the community to help create a wonderful community venture in the Summer Fete. It hasn't been all work and no play over the years, we have been able to get to know Carole and have fun on our occasional curry nights out and popping into the office for a chat and a cuppa. Carole would always stop and chat even when really busy with deadlines. We will miss Carole not just as a colleague but also as a friend. We wish Carole a very happy and blessed retirement spending quality time with her family.



After a long process and out of all the many applications received we made an offer of employment for the position of Clerk/RFO and it is with great pleasure that we would like to announce that Norma Ironside has accepted. We are looking forward to Norma becoming part of the team and wish her every success in her new career.

## HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Some years ago your parish council decided to name the garden they had created on Urlay Nook Road in honour of our late Queen. A plaque will be placed there in her memory. People are welcome in this garden: it's on top of Yarm Tunnel (the name on railway maps, but in Eaglescliffe, not Yarm).



Queen Elizabeth II Garden

## SUMMER FETE 2022

It was wonderful to see everyone that attended the Summer Fete after its two years absence enjoying themselves. It is a great place for us as a community to celebrate life and have fun together. The highlights were the Punch and Judy and magic from Tom Rolfe where we could all have a laugh together. Then enjoy listening to the music, having a go on the Tombola and browsing the stalls. It was also great to see our local team of Firefighters popping in in between their call outs.

The fete raised £619.60 for Tees River Rescue, the Chairman's chosen charity. He chose the charity because more people are starting to explore and enjoy the beauty of the river Tees.

The Summer Fete will be back sometime in the beginning of July 2023!

## PLANNING

The council is very aware of the concerns of many residents of Egglecliffe Village about the plans for housebuilding on farm land around the village. We have pointed out to the Stockton Council that Butts Lane and Back Lane are narrow roads, there is an awkward bend on Butts Lane and there are already problems with the vehicles accessing current developments. We have also pointed out that although there are regular visits from large agricultural vehicles those drivers know the area and the limitations of the roads. Having new drivers with large vehicles from outside the area is likely to lead to more serious problems. If the decision of the planning committee is to approve the applications they must limit the hours for deliveries to avoid conflict with the traffic on Butts Lane at the beginning and end of the school day.



We are pleased to see that the construction of a new car park for Eaglescliffe station off Durham Lane has been approved, along with the footbridge needed to access the platforms. When construction is completed it will enable easier access to trains to Darlington, Sunderland, York, London etc. for people on that side of the railway line. Meanwhile, work is being done to try to establish a proper foot- and cycle-path to the new bridge from Black Diamond Way

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Council meetings, are usually held on the first Thursday each month except in August at All Saints Church, Dunnotar All Avenue, Eaglescliffe

Forthcoming meetings 1st December 2022; January 5th & 19th 2023; 2nd March 2023; 6th April 2023

**Check our website <http://www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including any forthcoming committee meetings.**

Council meeting are open to the public and press.  
If there's something you want to discuss with **YOUR COUNCILLORS** please come along.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk).**  
Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly-tipping (removal) etc.

**Street Lighting Tel. 01642 391959** Damaged or defective street lights - quote the identification number from the light, bollard or sign and the address of the closest building or road name

**Samaritans 116123** Free any time from any phone. Local branch **01642 217777** (charges apply)

## 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!)

COMMENT: .....

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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.

NAME: ..... ADDRESS:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

Please return to: Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urlay Nook, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA  
Or email your comments to: [egglescliffepc@btconnect.com](mailto:egglescliffepc@btconnect.com)