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If you need help, please get in touch with local councillor Laurie Needham or Reverend Tim Day (contact details are below). You can send an email or call one of the telephone numbers.

We hope to match anyone in need to volunteers during this crisis, so that nobody is left abandoned. Please keep these details in case you need them.

Best wishes,

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Hello...

EDITORIAL

Due to the Coronavirus, we have a shortage of distributors for a Long Furrow to be delivered to every house. It is hoped that once the situation settles down, we can carry forward our plans.

The reduced quantity of magazines will be at the grocers but as the library is closed, there will be none there.

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The Long Furrow Committee would like to thank East Goscote Parish Council for their support in producing LONG FURROW.

JOSIAH HINCKS CLINICS

There will be no more Josiah Hincks until the Coronavirus scare is over.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

This edition contains Annual Parish Meeting reports for 2019/20. Please note that the Crime figures and the Annual Balance sheet for the last 12 months will be included in the next edition.

WANTED

Long Furrow needs a volunteer to accept all articles, most of which arrive by email. This person will paste the articles into a template to ensure we do not have too many or not enough pieces of news. This data will then be passed to Gareth who will design the finished magazine.

If you are computer literate and feel that you can handle the position please contact John Malpus on long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk.

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FREE Wi-Fi is now available in the library without membership being required. Bring your own Laptop, smartphone, etc and just select "LCCFreeWi-Fi" and click and connect.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the Coronavirus, the library is now closed until further notice.

Dog Bags will now be sold occasionally outside the library. Keep up to date by checking eastgoscotelibrary.webs.com

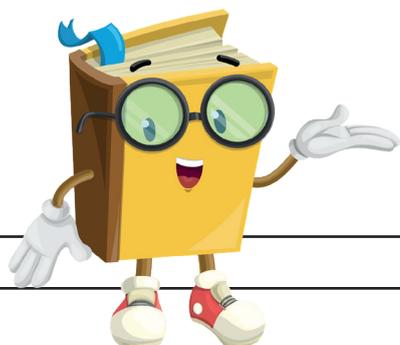


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“While I, and my team, continue to work hard on local issues & individual pieces of casework for constituents, it will not surprise you to know that, as Minister of State for Health, much of my time recently, and for the coming weeks, is focussed on our national effort to tackle the coronavirus. For that reason, my contribution to ‘Long Furrow’ on this occasion is a little less local than on other occasions.

As you will have heard my colleagues, the Prime Minister & Health Secretary, set out, the coronavirus outbreak is the biggest public health emergency in a generation, but it is one we are determined to meet & address. It calls for dramatic action, here and abroad, and will require us all to play our part, tackling the virus, from washing our hands more regularly, to measures that may disrupt the usual patterns of our lives, as well as supporting & being there for our vulnerable or elderly neighbours, following the appropriate guidance, to help them if they cannot get out to get vital supplies, or just need to call someone for a chat.

The objective is clear & simple: to protect life and to protect the NHS through the Government’s strategy of contain, delay, research & mitigate. Our clear action plan is based on the evidence and will be, led by the expert scientific and medical advice. As Matt Hancock, the Health Secretary, has made clear we will do the right thing, at the right time, based on that science.

By acting to contain the spread of the virus early on, and having conducted some of the highest number of tests

in Europe, we have been able to slow the spread down, avoiding adding additional pressure to the NHS during the busy winter season, and buying valuable time to prepare. We have seen a further step up in the actions we are taking, and the actions we are asking the public to take, and we will see further steps taken, based on the scientific advice, in the coming days and weeks.

The most up to date guidance can be found on www.gov.uk/coronavirus and on www.nhs.uk. These are regularly updated where guidance changes or is added to, and sit alongside the extensive public information campaign being run. I would strongly encourage anyone with questions or concerns to refer to these as their starting point as it is the best, up to date, expert advice. We are also clear that some of these steps, while necessary, will entail real challenges for individuals and businesses so we are clear that we must support individuals and businesses to do the right thing, and that is why on 17th March, building on what he announced in the budget, the Chancellor set out a package of financial and practical measures to assist them and our economy. Again, full details can be found on www.gov.uk/coronavirus. I am conscious that there may be some people who don’t have access to the internet, and the Government is working to ensure that all other information routes are also used.

As the Health Secretary wrote recently: “We must fight the disease to protect life. Everyone will be asked to make sacrifices, to protect themselves and others, especially those most vulnerable to this disease. With our clear action plan, listening to the advice of the best science, and taking the action we all must, I am sure we will rise to this challenge.”

And I am sure East Goscote, and indeed all the Charnwood constituency, will rise to this challenge, and we will all play our part in this national effort as a community.

I conclude with a big thank you to all of NHS and social care staff, and everyone else who is working so hard to beat this virus and keep people safe and well.

As always, however busy I am as a Minister, should any ‘Long Furrow’ reader wish to contact me as your local MP, I can be emailed at edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk or written to at Edward Argar MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, and I will endeavour to assist you if I can.



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In other cases, we are aware that the victim is encouraged to "transfer money to a 'Safe Account'" – Banks nor Police will EVER ask you to do this and the phrase SAFE ACCOUNT is a sure fire confirmation this is a fraud!

And finally, sometimes the victim will be allegedly contacted by a Police Officer regarding suspicious transactions on their account and advised that we need to send an unmarked car to collect their banks cards personal information to help the investigation.

Police nor banks will ever contact people in this way. If you get a call like this HANG UP. If you need to contact your bank to check, wait a couple of minutes before dialling out, or use a different line altogether.

We are asking people to remain vigilant. Please would you pledge to #Tell2 elderly neighbours or relatives who may not have access our community alerts and advise them of this advice – please don't assume everyone knows, we sadly are dealing with a number of victims who have lost thousands. Help us to protect others.

Further advice about the scam can be found on the Action Fraud website - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-offraud/courier-fraud>

Did you know you can report crime and incidents using our online portal. Please visit <https://www.leics.police.uk/> Click on "REPORT". In an emergency dial 999

Please do not report crime or Incidents via Neighbourhood Link' as the messages are not always monitored.

*Rebecca Spilane, Fraud Vulnerability Officer
Economic Crime Unit, Leicestershire Police*



CHURCH NEWS

When this virus situation is finally resolved, have you thought about coming into church? Tim, our vicar, and Andrea, his wife, are very approachable, friendly and human.

The congregation are people you see every day around the village. You will find them all very welcoming. We will not discuss religious beliefs. If you just want to sit at the back and listen, then that is alright.

Your children, whatever age, are welcome also. There is play equipment available for the younger children. In other words, the church is open to all.

There is usually a good excuse at the end of the service for refreshments and a chat. Do come; we would love to see you all!

Gill Morton, Church Warden

Parish Phone App/New Website

The success of the website and the App continues.

The website has had 9809 page views over the last 12 months and the parish app has had a total of 818 downloads.



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GREENER GOSCOTE

MAY 2020

GREENER GOSCOTE GROUP UPDATE:

In the February edition of the Long Furrow we invited interest in the newly formed Greener Goscote Group with the aim of people getting together to make our village even greener. I wrote that article on January 1st. We had by then established a core group and adopted an initial constitution. Since then we've opened a bank account (have you ever opened a bank account for a group? – it is unbelievably difficult) and booked the library for an inaugural general meeting in April. We have all now plunged headlong into a different world, unrecognisable from a lot of what we know and took for granted. We've cancelled the library booking and it's all hands to the pumps to support East Goscote Community Support – Covid 19. A much needed and worthwhile cause if ever there was one.

We also had to postpone the village litter pick planned for 28th March to coincide with The Great British Spring Clean. We've rescheduled it to a provisional date of September 12th when it will be part of the Tidy Britain Great British Autumn Clean ! On March 7th just before the shutters came down, we did manage to do a useful litter pick of the little copse to the left of the playing field. The results:

7 sacks of non-recyclables (it was quite a dirty area)

- 2 sacks of recyclable paper and card
- 12 recyclable plastic bottles
- 10 other CBC recyclable plastics
- 10 glass bottles
- 54 nitrous oxide canisters (very disturbing)
- 91 drinks cans (mostly aluminium)
- several snails and slugs were rehomed in neighbouring villages

All of the above were disposed of in the greenest way possible - no special journeys etc. The little copse looked so much better for the effort. If anyone knows anything about these recurring nitrous oxide fuelled parties in the car park round the back of the copse, please let us know. We have informed the PCSO and the police have promised to monitor. We have also put up four birdboxes in one of the secret gardens and planted two good sized fruit trees in the other. Thanks to the parish council for the bird boxes and a local family for the fruit trees. In addition to that there has been lots of sharing and helping going on which gives you heart in these troubled times.

The climate crisis hasn't gone away. Perversely, air quality has dramatically improved but what a price to pay! After this is over, we must try to make sure that it is not just back business as usual and that some real change for the better occurs. Hopefully Greener Goscote will be there to play a part.

If you are interested, there is a linked Facebook Page of the same name. You don't need to be part of one to be involved with the other but it's mostly how the Group will communicate with the rest of the planet. New Group members of any age are welcome, especially young people. (Children under 16 can get involved under direct supervision of a parent or guardian.) No membership fee is required but donations are invited. Most of all, your imagination, skills and energy are needed and as Greta nearly said, "No village is too small to make a difference".

CONTACT US:

Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling, contact David on 2600239, 07873852372 or da-vid.cannon9@btinternet.com

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CHERRY TREES

The picture shows two cherry trees that have been planted in the are of land off Long Furrow, opposite the Plough carpark.



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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2019/20

Council and Staff:

This year Michelle Nelson joined the council. Unfortunately, Kevin Preston and Mehmet Gonulalan stood down at the local elections and subsequently, Roger Merry-Howe resigned. We currently have only 7 Councillors. I have continued as Chairman and I have been ably supported by my Vice Chairman, Cathy Duffy.

Cllr Webbon and Cllr Nelson completed a new Councillor course.

Whilst the Councillors make decisions, our staff work hard to carry out these decisions to the benefit of the village. Our clerk, Liz Pizer, and our administration assistant, Caroline Taylor also keep us in line with legal and regulatory requirements. Liz also supervises work done around the village.

Charlie Cadle continues in the Caretakers role although, Nick Shivers assists when we need an extra pair of hands. Work done by our Caretakers is of a very high standard.

Mr Webbon has continued as Tree Warden on a voluntary basis.

Our thanks go to all Councillors and the staff for their continued hard work.

Planning Applications:

During the year 17 planning Applications have been received and considered by the Parish Council.

Remembrance Sunday:

The Council purchased 40 more poppies to fix to lamp posts in the run up to Remembrance Day, so there were 80 poppies around the Long Furrow and other areas.

Gladmans Development

Evidence was given by several residents of East Goscote, our Borough and County Councillors against the appeal in June. The Planning Inspector turned down the appeal.

Subsequently, Charnwood Councils Draft Plan suggests that the same area of land could provide 250 houses for the Borough quota. Your Parish Council, Borough Councillor, County Councillor and KEGGs are fighting this. The council would like to thank Rod Axon for his investigations and KEGGS for leading the fight.

Village Facilities

The Tennis Court is still popular with 106 members. During the winter the court has been closed to protect it and the moss has been cleared from its surface by Nick and Charlie.

New bus shelters have been placed opposite Lilac Way and by the playing fields.

A charity called Greener Goscote has been formed to fund the recycling centre. The clothes bank is already funded by the Salvation Army and providing funds for the Village Hall.

Vandalism:

The cost of vandalism for March 19 – March 20 amounted to £370 which is very low compared to other years. This was mainly damage to the wet pour surfacing on the play areas.

Dog Fouling:

This continues to be a constant complaint received by the Clerk and Councillors, this is despite the fact that over 57,000 dog poo bags have been purchased this year and there being a plentiful supply of bins around the Village.

The library continues to distribute dog bags at 80p per pack of 50. Any profit from the sale of the bags is retained by the library towards its upkeep.

Allowing your dog to foul without clearing up afterwards is totally unacceptable behaviour and we need YOUR help to catch those people responsible for spoiling our streets and green spaces. If you know an environmental offender, call 01509 634564 or email: cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk.

East Goscote Library

The library continues to provide a vital need for East Goscote. As well as the supply of books and computer use, the library has many more functions including the distribution of Dog Bags, Coffee Mornings etc.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Duffy has taken on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. More NW volunteers are required around the village. New “Charnwood Watch” signs have been installed around the village.

Christmas Events

In December, in conjunction with St Hilda's, the Village Hall Committee and the Brownies, two events were organised by the library and funded by East Goscote Parish Council.

Snow Warden Scheme

East Goscote Parish Council is registered with the County Council Snow Warden Scheme. This means that they supply salt and pay the parish council for clearing snow and ice around the village where it is considered dangerous. Charlie and Nick have worked hard spreading the salt whenever we have had snow or icy conditions this last winter.

Trees

Mr Webbon is continually checking trees around the village and reporting back to the council. During the year two trees have been removed and a County Council tree was blown down during the storms in February.

Cllrs Nelson, Needham and Webbon have planted bulbs near the Tennis Court and will be planting trees from the Woodland Trust adjacent to the playing fields in the spring.

Long Furrow

A “Golden Jubilee Edition” was distributed in August 2019 to mark 50 years of community magazines in East Goscote. Gareth Roberts continues to design the magazine with help from the committee members. The committee are continuing listen to comments and review the way it works. From May, copies of the magazine will once again be delivered to every house and business in the village. For this to happen on a regular basis, volunteer distributors are needed. The Council continue to support the publication.

Defibrillator

An anonymous donor has donated £1000 to fund a defibrillator which is sited by the doors of the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee made up the shortfall and agreed to maintain the equipment. We now have two defibs covering the playing fields and the centre of the village thanks to fundraising and generous donors.

Leases

The Lease between the Scouts and the Parish Council has now been signed.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Project has not taken place due to lack of volunteers. Instead, banners are to be placed occasionally on the bus shelters and residents are being asked to put stickers onto their Wheelie Bins to get the message “20 is plenty” around the village.

Doctors Surgery

It is with great sadness that I have to report that despite a lot of effort from the Doctor and the Patient Participation

Group, that the Surgery closed on Friday 27th September 2019. The surgery opened in May 1994 and served this village for 25 years.

Next Year’s Projects Include:

For next year we hope to continue with the high standard the village is being maintained. One major project is that we are investigating the possibility of re-surfacing the pavilion car park. We are also looking into the cost of new village welcome signs, new village green swings and a new seat/ bench for the playing fields.

The council are also installing a new bench opposite the Doctors Surgery in appreciation of the care that Dr Shah gave to the residents of our village.

Finally, we hope to again consider a Christmas event of some sort for the elderly of the village.

Thank You’s:

I would like to thank all of the Parish Councillors, Borough Councillor, Laurie Needham, County Councillor, Mr Poland, and our MP, Mr Argar for their help and support during the past year. In addition, I would like to thank our staff for their service and expertise during the year.

To PCSO Harbutt for the time he has spent on our village before leaving us to train as a fully fledged PC. We now have two PCSOs, Lesley Richards Thank you to the East Goscote Library volunteers and committee for their service to our residents in keeping the library open, and for working so hard to make the East Goscote Christmas celebrations a great community event once again.



East Goscote Drawing Wall

The children living on the corner of Long Furrow and Wayfarer Drive have created a Drawing Wall which is open to all. All you have to do is produce a drawing at home and when you are walking around the village, place it in the envelopes provided. Your drawing could be a Rainbow, a Support the NHS or anything you wish to draw. Long Furrow would like to thank the children for their initiative!

CORONAVIRUS

The past few weeks have been a trial for everybody as a result of the Coronavirus. Village facilities have been closed and residents have been in isolation. However, As I exercise taking short walks around the village, I saw very few people out and about which meant they were obeying the government advice. The sooner everybody follows the advice, the sooner the worst of the virus will be over!

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Our year started out with lots of fun running a backwards evening, with all the Brownies wearing their uniforms backwards and starting the evening with the end first. It really made the girls think and laugh. We had a Scottish evening to celebrate Burns night, which involved Scottish country dancing and shortbread biscuits.

We have also held a fashion show. The girls had to make all their outfits, jewellery and other accessories out of newspaper. They then came down the catwalk and a winner was chosen. We made heart biscuits for valentines day and learnt all about Australia for thinking day. The Brownies, parents and grandparents knitted pouches for baby kangeroos, who were left orphaned by the bushfires over there.

When I wrote this article, we had just been informed by Girlguiding that all units were to be suspended until further notice. Not to be deterred, we have been running virtual meetings via our WhatsApp group, which has enabled the Brownies to carry on achieving badges etc. Thank you to all the parents for there amazing support. If you have a daughter between 7 and 10 years old and would like to join our pack, please call Rosemary on 07981812955.

East Goscote Brownies 50th Birthday

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IF WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO MEET ON THIS DATE, IT WILL BE REORGANISED FOR LATER IN THE YEAR.



EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP

Scouts

Scouts have been busy as usual working towards many badges and awards. Planning camp and much more. Hope all the Scout keep busy Scouting while we have these strange times.

Cubs

East Goscote Cubs have had a busy start to 2020. They have managed to gain their Chefs, Artist and entertainers badge. This all included creating invitations for parents to attend an evening of entertainment. On this evening the Cub did a puppet show and served their parents with spaghetti bolognaise. As well as an apple crumble to take home. Yum!.

In early February the Cubs did us proud by winning the District 5 aside football tournament. Well done to all who took part and to Syston Cubs for loaning us a sub for all our games. They have also managed to all do air rifle shooting at the Hut and had a pleasant walk round the village. Unfortunately all has come to an abrupt end but hopefully all Cubs will enjoy their packs they have giving them loads of badges to keep them busy at this strange time.

We do hope to see you all soon . Make sure you all stay safe. Keep on Scouting!!



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County Councillor Annual Report 2020

The storms we saw in February shows the kind of challenges the County Council can face at short notice, with 120 call outs the weekend of Storm Ciara and a further 130 call outs the following week for Storm Dennis. At the same time, the budget shows the hugely difficult financial environment in which local government operates. Provision of vital services vs a requirement to be financially viable is at the heart of the balance the county has faced for much of the last decade, and in truth this is driving discussions locally and nationally around what local government delivers and how it delivers it.

I've worked with residents on a huge range of matters in the last year, these include roads and transport, environmental issues, education, community safety and social care matters. A good example of this was the yellow zig-zag no parking lines at Broomfield School, residents and parents told me that they were concerned about people parking on the yellow zig-zag lines but as they were only advisory, they couldn't be legally enforced. Therefore, in September last year the County Council passed an order making the no parking lines mandatory with a camera car coming to enforce these on a periodic basis.

Helping residents is at the core of my role as a Councillor, and I'd encourage anyone who has a problem they think I can help with to get in touch, working closely with the Parish Council, your Borough Councillor and Edward Argar MP I can either help you directly or put you in touch with the right colleague who can. My contact details are below.

Leicestershire County Council has agreed its budget for 2020/21 at the Full Council meeting held on 19th February.

Local Authority Budgets are known as Medium Term Financial Strategies (MTFS), the County Council's shows that rising demand for services and infrastructure is putting growing pressure on both the revenue and capital budgets. A 20 per cent upsurge in demand for children's social care and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), combined with inflation, is forecast to drive up the council's costs by £117m.

As a result, the strategy sets out the need for £80m of savings. By planning ahead, Leicestershire is in a much stronger position than many other councils. Half of the savings relate to projects we already know about, allowing the books to be balanced for the next two years. The proposals also include £16m of investment in tackling climate change, an extra £34m to support vulnerable people, £7m next year to top up road maintenance budgets and a 3.99 per cent Council Tax rise next year.

The budget foundations remain strong. Driving down costs and delivering good services is generating value for money, underlined by being independently rated the most productive council in the country for three years running. The financial position doesn't make it easy but we remain focused on delivering the services residents need. Following the public consultation last summer, the MTFS puts millions of pounds into children's and adults' services, boost roads by fixing pot holes, improving drains and tidying verges and combating climate change.

I'd like to finish this years report by thanking the Parish Council, Village Clerk Liz Pizer and Assistant Clerk Caroline Taylor for all the work they do for the village. As I said above I work very closely with them and see the commitment they show to making East Goscote a great place to live. I'd also like to thank the Borough Councillor for the work she does for the village, as well as Ed Argar MP with whom I work closely for residents.

DOOR STICKERS FOR THE ELDERLY

Able Community Care is a Norfolk home care company which was established in 1980 and now provides care 24/7 throughout the UK and beyond.

We continually read news/articles flagging up the activities of Doorstep Criminals: fraudulent roofers, gardeners, service officials and other non-genuine visitors who target older people. Over the years we have also had first-hand evidence from our own clients and carers.

As a company we have decided to see if we can help prevent this on a small scale and so we have had the attached Door Safety Sticker printed to give away to older people. To date we have sent out 40,000 since February 2019 and if you think your older readers may like to have one, please ask them to either ring us on 01603 764567 or email to info@ablecommunitycare.com.

SALVATION ARMY CLOTHING BANKS CLOSED

The Salvation Army contacted me to say that, with great regret, they have to suspend collections from our clothing bank (along with all their other banks) until further notice. Unfortunately their staff are not classified as essential. I've put stickers on the bank and ties will go on tomorrow. I'm not sure what to recommend. Door to door collections and other charity banks seem unlikely for the same reason and many charity shops may well be closed. Also all 14 of the Leicestershire County Council Recycling and Household Waste Sites are closed until further notice. Upcycling ? Anyone any suggestions? If you spot any flytips, let me know.

The Garden Waste Collection (Brown Bin) Service was suspended from March 23rd due to Serco staff shortages and to keep the essential Recycling and Refuse Services going. New payments will not be taken and extended service will be offered when it resumes.

YOUR COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2020/21 EXPLAINED

The primary source of income for most Parish Councils comes from the Precept, part of the Council Tax. We hope to explain the contribution you make to the Parish Council through your Council tax and how it is spent.

WHAT IS A PRECEPT?

The Parish Council receives a small proportion of the local Council Tax. It does not receive any direct funding from Central Government. The funding collected pays for the running of the Council and the services it provides.

HOW IS IT CALCULATED?

The Parish Council makes an estimate of income and expenditure for the next financial year, including some for future planned projects and/or unexpected events. It is then calculated as an amount per Council Tax Band D Property and added to the Council Tax Bill of all the dwellings within the Parish area.

HOW IS IT RAISED?

Charnwood Borough Council collects your Council Tax on behalf of the Borough Council, County Council, Police, Fire and the precepts for any Parish/Town Councils in their district. It is important to note that East Goscote Parish Council's precept is just a small percentage of your overall Council Tax Bill.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

This year, there is a small increase in the precept charge to East Goscote residents. The precept has an increase of 1%. From April 2020, the cost per average household (Band D property) has increased from £61.75 to £62.35 per annum. Our total budget for 2020/201 amounts to £89,900, however using some of our reserves we can reduce our requirement to £58,700. This figure is divided by the Council Tax Base to arrive at £62.35 per Band D property.

HOW IS IT SPENT?

Your precept is spent on maintaining the provision of all facilities and services the Parish Council offers as shown in the graphic.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

During the next year (2020/21) we are investigating the costs of renovating the pavilion car park, looking into providing new Village Welcome Signs, installing several new benches and bins around the village, and replacing the swings to the play area outside the Primary School.

We have also recently installed a new bench (kindly donated by Dr Shah) in appreciation of the care Dr Shah gave to our residents between 1994 and 2019.

We hope to continue to maintain our village to the highest standards, whilst keeping costs as low as possible.

<p>3 x Play Areas 4 x Football Pitches Sports Pavilion Tennis Court Fitness Equipment</p>			<p>Council Staff/Admin Subs & Donations Village Insurance</p>
<p>Village Hall Community Library</p>			<p>Parish Parish Website Long Furrow Magazine Christmas Events</p>
<p>Council Van Community Mowing Community Dog Bins Community Recycling Centre Waste Removal Bus Shelters</p>			<p>£62.35 Per household per year</p>

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E.G United Football Club:		
Academy (Foundation Yr 3)		07486531608
Girls teams membership		07486531608
U11 boys (Sch. Year 5)	Jon Day	07794973216
U14 boys (Sch. Year 8)	Tom Borland	07801535040
Friends of Broomfield	Debbie Cottam	0791 9092341
Friendship Club	Gill Morton	0116 2601977
Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828
	Michelle Baker	07872066509
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LCC Mountsorrel Tip		0116 3050001
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Pocket Rocket Pre-School		07414253969
Pharmacy		0116 2606734
Plough		0116 2640444
Police: Emergencies dial 999, non emergency dial 101		
Scout Group/Hut		0116 2605457
Scouts	Dawn Manning	0784 312 2313
St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	0116 2609088
St Hilda's	Vicar Rev Tim Day	0116 3486896
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Tree Warden	Martin Webbon	0116 2602202
Village Hall Bookings		0116 2602202
Waste Action	David Cannon	0116 2600239
Wreake Runners	Dave Palmer	07710 448253
Wreake Valley Lions	Mrs C Grimes	0116 2608412
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If you're a member of a group which is providing a service to the community please contact us with up to date details.



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Monday	9 am until 12 noon
Tuesday	2 pm until 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am until 12 noon
Thursday	2 pm until 5 pm
Friday	9 am until 1 pm
Saturday	10am until 1 pm

Website: eastgoscotelibrary.webs.com

East Goscote Parish Council Offices are at the side of the Village Hall

Monday	09.30 to 12.30 hrs
Tuesday	09.30 to 15.00 hrs
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30 to 12.30 hrs
Friday	Closed

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