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

## EDITORIAL CONTENT

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of articles sent to us for this edition, we have had to omit some. We apologise for these omissions and any inconvenience caused.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

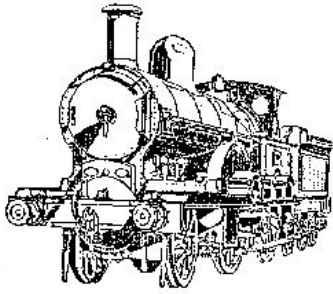
The next edition will hopefully be a special one delivered to every household. For that we need volunteers to distribute the magazine and advertisers.. This edition will feature Waste Recycling, The History of East Goscote and celebrate 50 years since the first East Goscote community magazine was published. If you can assist, please contact one of the panel (above) or at [long\\_furrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk)

## CHARNWOOD LOTTERY NEWS

Please note that you can now enter the lottery by phone on 01509 357575

## FREE FREE WiFi CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY

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.



# MODEL RAILWAY CLUB HOMELESS

Syston Model Railway Society are urgently looking for a new home after a recent electrical and safety inspection found the club rooms dangerous and unsafe.

The Club have enjoyed over 30 years of building model railways at the Old School, Melton Road, Thurmaston but this will now have to be vacated. Various members layouts have appeared in national magazines and one Club layout, Horse Cove, is due to appear in a national magazine in the near future.

Over the last 25 years the Club have organised a very popular model railway exhibition currently in Sileby, Leicestershire. Over the past 8 years nearly £3000 has been donated to local charities. This year £450 will be donated to Rainbows

Chris Leach, from the Society, said, "We are willing to consider anything. We know that finding space of 1200sq feet, insulated and secure, with electrics, access to water and a toilet at a price we can afford will be difficult. However, surely there must be some industrial, warehouse, or farm premises available somewhere in Syston, or nearby area."

This may be the end of one era for the society, but with your help, it may be the start of another.

Could anyone who can help please contact CHRIS LEACH on 01162 605760 to discuss or for further information.



## East Goscote Village Hall Report April 2019

To begin, I am delighted to be able to tell you all that we have now had a new roof installed on the Village Hall along with 14 solar panels which were added on Friday, 15th March 2019.

As a reminder, funding for this project has been secured with the help of Charnwood Borough Council, the East Goscote Parish Council, and Tesco's "Bags of Help", along with some kind donations from a couple of residents within the village.

Party bookings are also looking healthy. There was a slow start to the year with "Regular" bookings being the main source of income.

However, by the end of January and the start of February, there was something on every weekend, along with "Regular Bookings". It looks like March is going to be very busy too!

We have purchased **18** new chairs and **4** new tables, and a Portable Appliance Test (PAT) was carried out in January of this year.

The fitting of the new kitchen in the Village Hall will be carried out during the Easter Holidays.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Members of the Village Hall Management Committee for generously offering their time, support and good-will. They do a great job contributing their talents and skills to the team.

Cllr. Cathy Duffy (Chairman)  
**Village Hall Management Committee**

## Editors Note

In the last edition of Long Furrow, it was inferred in the Borough Councillors report, that the Parish Council was not interested in a defibrillator for the village. In fact, the council created a working party to organise the equipment and they made up the shortfall of the cost of purchasing and setting up the defibrillator. In addition training is to be organised by the council and the council have agreed to pay for the service and maintenance of the equipment. The council have congratulated the people who raised the money for this equipment.

# Local Police Team Advice



**What to do in the event of an Road Traffic Collision (RTC):** No matter how big or small you are legally required to stop and exchange details even if there's no one with the other vehicle or damaged property you should leave a note or call Police.

Despite it being a potentially stressful situation it's important you remain calm. Don't admit liability nor pressure the other driver, just worry about everyone's immediate safety. Let your insurer sort out who's responsible and any needed reparations. That's why you pay them.

**Stop Safely** - First things first, find a safe area to pull over onto the side of the road where you aren't in danger of another vehicle colliding with you. Consider 999 if this isn't possible.

**Check road safety** – Ensure there's no dangerous debris remaining in the road or immovable vehicles in dangerous positions. Consider 999 if there's danger of another RTC.

**Check injuries** – Check with all involved drivers, passengers and pedestrians and ensure everyone is safe and without injury. Consider 999 if there's any serious injuries.

**Exchange details** - Proceed to exchange details with other drivers primarily you should exchange;

Full name and address of driver,

Full name and address of registered keeper if different from driver,

Phone numbers,

Vehicle registration,

Vehicle make model and colour,

Insurance details.

**Prepare to leave** - Once you have exchanged details you can leave the scene if it is safe to do so. However depending on damage to the vehicle it may not be safe to drive. If this is the case you must find a way to recover the vehicle. This is normally easiest through your insurance company however if the vehicle is still in a dangerous position normally on a busy or fast road the Police can recover it much quicker but it will be at a cost to the owner.

You should also consider taking pictures of all involved vehicles especially the damage, any damage to street furniture or buildings and where exactly it happened. You could also take note of any potential CCTV, dashcam footage or witnesses. This may help if anything comes into question by your insurance company.

If you are involved with an RTC and another driver does not stop or exchange details they will be committing an offence. The best way to report this to us is by reporting online on <https://leics.police.uk/report-online> It's best to do this within 24 hours of the offence occurring and to ensure you pass as many details as possible including any potential CCTV or witness details. You can also report it by visiting a Police station front enquiry office.



## East Goscote Scout Group News

Well done and congratulations to two of the groups young leaders in gaining their Young Leaders Certificate. An award ceremony was held at the Leicestershire Scout HQ where they were both presented with their certificates. To gain this award they have to attend training sessions and use their skill in the meeting. Both are a big asset to the Beaver and Cub sections.



We have been busy in the last few months, we went bowling with the district which was attended by over 200 Cubs a really fun night had with all. The Cubs have also had air rifle shooting and archery session brushing up in their skills. They have worked

towards the Skills challenge badge doing many things. Such as sew a badge on, make hot drinks, iron their neckers and tie shoe laces. We also have done a village walk round East Goscote finding out about shop opening times, buses and even how much a bag of chips cost.

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2019 has been a great year so far. We have completed our Teamwork Challenge Badge, building Spaghetti and Marshmallow bridges and taking part in some quick team challenges, the Beavers all wondered what challenges we would come up with next! Our Cooks Badge went well and I believe the parents enjoyed their food made for them by the Beavers. We have just finished our Builders Badge where the Beavers had to design their own Ro-bot, Spaceship or Rocket and then bring the items with them to Beavers to build their creations, and what fantastic creations they were as well. We are going to be creating again as we approach our Easter holidays when we undertake our Photography badge.

We have taken part in our District Swimming Gala and came an amazing 2nd place, the Beavers were so pleased as were the leaders!

We have our 'Around the World' camp coming up in May and also a day visit to the District Cub and Scout camp in Nottingham when we celebrate Christmas all over again, they have some amazing activities planned for us.

Would you like to join us for this fun filled adventure? If so you can contact us below:-



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## Sign up for East Goscote's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme!

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Britain started in the early 1980s and has since grown to 150,000 watches covering 6 million households and roughly 10 million people.



Neighbourhood Watch is the coming together of residents and the police with support from various authorities such as the local council and Police Authority. Its strength comes from the community looking out for each other involving simple, neighbourly tasks:

- Reporting suspicious activity to the police
- Sharing information on recent local crimes with neighbours (increasing vigilance & crime prevention awareness)
- Checking on vulnerable neighbours after an incident (creating a caring community)
- Discussing ongoing concerns with neighbours

Earlier this year East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch held a presentation evening where people were given information on the benefits of the Watch in local communities. The overall response was extremely positive with most signing up there and then!

We are now looking to expand the scheme within the village. Membership is FREE.

In order for you to receive lots of information regarding crime, scams and helpful tips and advice, please make contact (details below) and we will send you a Neighbourhood Watch consent form.

For further information or to become a member please contact Cllr. Kevin Preston on 0116 260 2202 or via email ([clerk@eastgoscotepc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastgoscotepc.org.uk))

### Ivor Reynolds

Ivor Reynolds, a community minded individual, passed away on 28th January 2019. Ivor was a long time resident of East Goscote and was an active member of the community. He was a founder of the Twinning Association, he served on the Village Hall committee with his wife Maureen and was a Parish Councillor from 1995 until 2002; including a time as Chairman between 1997 and 2001. A plaque will be mounted on the Bench on the mound in his memory.



# PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS REPORT



## **Council and Staff**

This year Martin Webbon and Helen Measures joined the council in place of Lisa Castle and Elaine Garner. Unfortunately, Helen resigned soon after and was replaced by Keith Gregory who was subsequently replaced by David Cannon. We currently have 9 Councillors. I have continued as Chairman and I have been supported by my Vice Chairman, Cathy Duffy. Cllr Malpus completed a Fire Wardens Course and Cllr Webbon 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 30 poppies to fix to lamp posts in the run up to Remembrance Day.

## **Gladmans Development**

During 2018, Gladmans Land applied for planning permission to build 270 houses on the remaining Rearsby Roses land. The community came together and fought this proposal and the application was rejected. As a result, they have appealed and the enquiry will be held in June. Meanwhile they have reapplied for planning permission.

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 101 members. During the winter the court has been closed to protect it and the moss has been cleared from its surface by our caretaker Charlie. Due to Charnwood B C withdrawing

the waste recycling centre in the village, the Parish council has negotiated with independent companies in order to maintain this service in the village.

## **Vandalism**

The cost of vandalism for March 18 – March 19 was again 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 **63,000** dog poo bags have been issued to residents this year and there being a plentiful supply of bins around the Village including a new one on Broome Lane.

The library now distributes the dog bags at 80p per pack of 50, and sales in dog bags continue to rise as they are extremely good bags and represent value for money. Any profit from the sale of the bags is retained by the library as it is managed by the community for the community!

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](mailto:cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk).

## **Village Hall**

The Village Hall Committee are still doing a great job maintaining the hall, and managing the bookings and finances.

The car park has been lit throughout the winter from 5pm – 9pm giving users a much safer environment when getting in and out of their cars. The Village Hall now has a new roof which contains 2' of insulation which makes the Hall more energy efficient. The Parish Council are trustees of the Hall and assisted the project financially.

The committee work very hard to keep the hall up to a very high standard and are continually working at improving our village hall. Replacement CCTV equipment was installed adjacent to the area around the Village Hall. The hall is having a new kitchen fitted in the Easter holidays and have also financed Solar Panels to the roof as well as LED lighting throughout.

## **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. There will be more about the library later in the meeting.

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## **Parish Council Chairmans Report Continued...**

### **Parish Phone App/New Website**

The success of the Website and the Parish App continues. The website has had 13,051 page views over the last 12 months, and the Parish App has had a total of 723 downloads. To download the app please see details at the end of this report.

### **Play Equipment**

New play equipment has been installed adjacent to Lilac Way. In addition, new steps have been installed alongside the large slide on the mound.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Preston was hoping to expand his Neighbourhood Watch campaign to the rest of the village after the success of its introduction to Rearsby Roses. A recent meeting to improve Neighbourhood coverage of East Goscote was attended by 28 members of the public and proved very successful. The group is now registered with the information commissioner and is sending out regular NHW information to those who signed up. Anyone wishing to receive the very useful information on Crime, scams and useful advice can ask for a consent form from the Parish Council Office and all Neighbourhood watch information can then be sent direct to their inbox !

### **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. More about these later in the meeting.

### **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. A new salt bin has been installed at the side of the Chemist.

### **Trees**

Mr Webbon is continually checking trees around the village and reporting back to the council. During the year, the Memorial Oak tree has been replaced free of charge and a dead tree adjacent to Lilac Way has been removed. A number of trees on Lilac Way have been pollarded. The hedgerow at the side of the mound has been replaced as the old one had failed in places.

### **Long Furrow**

Gareth Roberts continues to design the magazine with help from the committee members. Long Furrow now has a limited number of hard copies printed but it can be found on line. The committee are continuing to listen to comments and review the way it works. More changes are due this year. The Council continue to support the publication.

### **Plough**

The Plough now has another landlord who has tried to attract new custom using new ideas.

### **Defibrillator**

Lee Smith organised a charity football match to raise funds for a defibrillator for the village. In collaboration with the Council, a defibrillator has been purchased for the pavilion. The council made up the shortfall and agreed to maintain the equipment and provide a steel lockable cabinet.

### **Leases**

A new lease between the Council and Charnwood Borough Council for the land around the pavilion and Scout Hut has been signed.

We are currently awaiting the completion of the lease between the Council and the Scouts.

### **Speedwatch**

The Speedwatch Project proved a success and there is a possibility that another will be staged this year. New speed limits were placed on Broome Lane.

### **NCS**

During the summer a group of students took part in a project to improve.

### **Next Year's Projects Include:**

For next year we hope to continue with the high standard the village is being maintained. We will be looking into ways we can reduce the speed around the village and have a budget to help us with this. We will be once again supporting our library.

Two new bus shelters are being installed – one on Broome Avenue and one by the playing fields. We will be considering supporting a special edition of the Long Furrow which will be delivered to every household and also we are looking at ways to improve the drainage on our playing fields. 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, Mrs Gerrard, 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. 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.

*John Malpus, Chairman*

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# DAVID CANNON'S GREENER GOSCOTE

MAY 2019



## MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT EAST GOSCOTE RECYCLING CENTRE

Nice to have a good news story to lead off with. Following a successful six-month trial period, East Goscote Parish Council has decided to continue its management of our local recycling centre. The weight and quality of recyclables is good and a useful donation to the Village Hall charity continues, mostly thanks to our partnership with the Salvation Army. The removal of another uninvited clothing bank has led to the Salvation Army bank now needing to be emptied more frequently so good news for a good cause. A bit of fly-tipping on the site continues but by dealing with it quickly with the help of volunteers we have contained the problem. Fly-tipping is costly in time and money and is always illegal. It therefore carries very heavy penalties and our recycling centre is closely monitored now. Many thanks to the Parish Council for their continuing support for this project. It has meant additional work for the Parish Council staff and from chatting to people on site, there is no doubt the community do appreciate it.

## “EAST GOSCOTE – A GREENER VILLAGE”

Our application to Leicestershire County Council's Shire Grant Scheme to part fund a Bag-for-Life project was not successful so thoughts now turn to an alternative project with a similar message - that we strive to be an even more sustainable community, a better place to live, work and play. Current thinking is along the lines of continuing with a Special Edition of the Long Furrow Magazine delivered to every home in the village. The magazine would include how to get the best out of the recycling and household waste services, composting at home, litter (especially plastic), footpaths and walking, wildlife, the history of our unusual village and so on.

The Long Furrow team will be making the case to the Parish Council to support this alternative project which would at least have the advantage of being entirely under local control. What do you think? Would you be interested in contributing an article or advertising? And see elsewhere in this edition about which direction the magazine should take in the medium to long term. Do we try to go back to a full print run of 1200 – one for every home and business? There seems to be a demand but if so, how do we fund that? Advertising? Donation? Crowd-funding ?!! And how do we administer and deliver it? If you have any thoughts on any of this, contact the Long Furrow.

## SPRING IS A BUSY TIME IN THE GARDEN

Spring is and a key time for composting at home. If you haven't already tried home composting, Spring is the best time to start and the Leicestershire County Council cut-price compost bin offer is a good way to begin. Details on their website [www.leics.gov.uk](http://www.leics.gov.uk). If you are already composting at home, it's time to remove any winter insulation and if re-usable, store it away for next winter. Make use of the mature compost at the bottom of the heap in potting, planting and mulching. If you have room in the garden, move the composter to another site and put the immature compost back in the bin to get the magic started again. A sunny, accessible location is best.

## 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 [david.cannon9@btinternet.com](mailto:david.cannon9@btinternet.com).

## Other useful links:

<a href="http://www.lesswaste.org.uk">www.lesswaste.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.lrrn.info">www.lrrn.info</a>
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# Broomfield Primary School



## World Book Day Fun

Broomfield got into the World Book Day spirit by dressing up as our favourite characters from books. The children completed book related activities and we enjoyed guessing who we were. Harry Potter characters cast spells, Robin Hood stole from the rich to give to the

poor and, despite everyone's best attempts, no one could find Where's Wally!



## Jumpstart Dance

Year 5 pupils at Broomfield Primary School, East Goscote, have been busy

rehearsing for the Jump2it dance Festival that took place at Loughborough Town Hall on Monday 25th March 2019. Many schools performed with each school using a different book as their theme. Broomfield's dance was based around 'The Demon Dentist' written by David Walliams. Author Tamsin Winter also attended the dance show. Tamsin is the author of "Being Miss Nobody" and stayed for book signings during the event. Very well done Year 5.

took part in various activities such as pond dipping, mini-beast hunting and even got the chance to create some woodland art. A great time was had by all!



## British Science Week (11th – 15th March)

British Science Week is an opportunity for teachers to spark the imaginations of children and develop a passion for the scientific subjects. Here, at Broomfield Primary School, many exciting activities took place. In particular, the

children in Year 3/4 undertook a project linked to the Bloodhound race car initiative.

The Bloodhound race car seeks to break the land-speed world record and become the first piloted car to travel over 1000 mph. This marvellous feat of engineering forms the hook to all our learning for British Science Week. The children designed their own Bloodhound race cars and investigated, through fair testing and the design process, which wheels will make the car travel the furthest distance. British Science Week has been amazing and a great way to introduce STEM activities to the children.



## Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall

The children in Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic time at their residential trip to Beaumanor Hall on 1st April. The children went as part of their Stone Age to Iron Age topic and got the chance to take part in activities that supported their learning in school. Some activities that they did during their stay included warrior training, runic decoding and also learning how people from the Iron Age era lived. They also got to see a real Iron Age fort! In the evening the children were able to go into the main hall for lunch which was very exciting! They also had a campfire in the evening and played some games. The following day was a nature day. During the day they



## Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March, the School Council decided to have a 'wacky hair' day at school to raise money for Comic Relief. The children and staff arrived with wacky creations in different colours and styles and some even wore crazy wigs. Children also bought red noses and, along with the donations, made a total of £340. A lot of fun was had by all!

For more photographs about our events, please visit the school website. [www.broomfieldprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.broomfieldprimaryschool.co.uk)

# East Goscote Annual Report

It's been another busy year at the County Council, discussions around the financial state of the authority and the debate around local government re-organisation dominated. These haven't gone away and will be important issues over the next 12 months as well, but beyond that I think the biggest 'known unknown' will be the effect the 'B' word has on local government – Brexit. Depending on what (if any) deal is struck for when we leave the EU, Leicestershire could well be faced with new challenges – and new opportunities – that at present it's simply impossible to predict with any certainty.

## County Council finances

On Wednesday 20th February the County Council passed a budget balancing surging demand for services and tough financial challenges in a very difficult financial and political environment. The four-year plan sees £94m spent more on services - mainly due to growing demand for social care and special educational needs and disability support - and savings of £75m.

Savings totalling £35m are set out in detail, as well as a plan to reduce special educational needs and disability (SEND) costs by £20m a year, leaving a £20m budget gap. The County Council's share of council tax will rise by 3.99 per cent from April. This equates to £1 a week for band D property and generates an extra £12m to invest in supporting vulnerable people. Most of this will be used to support the growth in the number of adult social care service users and children in care.

These are challenging times. Rising demand for services - especially special educational needs and disability support - is ramping up pressure on the County's budgets. Add uncertainty about local government funding into the picture, and we could see more trouble ahead. But, taking tough decisions and saving £200m since 2010 has put Leicestershire in a strong position, especially compared to other councils and with savings, the books balance for two years before we see a shortfall. As the lowest funded county, Leicestershire County Council is using its finite resources to invest in supporting vulnerable people, set out a significant capital programme without borrowing a penny and have been named the most productive council for the second year.

Securing funding reform remains key. That's why the County Council continues to work with Government ministers to do everything it can to bring about a long-term, sustainable, costed funding plan for local government.

## Local Government re-organisation

Since last summer a debate has been ongoing about the way local government works in Leicestershire. At present we have what's known as a two tier structure of local government – the Borough Council (which covers things like collecting rubbish & recycling, street cleaning and planning), and the County Council (which is responsible for highways, adult social care and strategic planning amongst many other areas). The County Council has put

forward proposals to change this to a unitary structure; this is where one Council covers all aspects of local government. The Parish Council would still exist under either form of local government and is therefore in that sense unaffected by this.

Those in favor of these changes point to the savings a unitary authority can make – at present there are eight local authorities in Leicestershire, seven borough/districts and the County Council. This means there are eight Chief Executives, eight Directors of Finance etc. One Council would only have one senior management team and therefore savings would be made there. Another advantage proponents of unitary status make is the ability to join up services better. If we take waste collection as an example, in East Goscote, Charnwood Borough Council collect rubbish, recycling and garden waste but then Leicestershire County Council is responsible for disposing of it. As each borough/district can decide for itself what it recycles this leads to inconsistency across the county. A unitary authority would both collect and dispose of waste itself.

Those who oppose Leicestershire having one unitary authority argue that if Leicestershire became a unitary it would become too remote from residents and wouldn't be as responsive to local needs. Leicestershire (not including Leicester City which is separate and unaffected by this debate) would be, by population, the second largest unitary council in the country (after Birmingham). This would then raise questions about how the unitary would set its priorities – an example of this would be areas such as the very rural vale of Belvoir and Hinckley (which has a close affinity with the west midlands towns) would be covered by one local council but would have potentially have quite different priorities and needs.

Any change in the structure of local government would need an Act of Parliament to come into effect and there is a significant difference of opinion locally about how desirable a change would be – but the debate has now started and will likely continue in the coming year. Ultimately Councils exist to provide the best services possible to local residents whilst ensuring local accountability. This is what is always at the forefront of my mind regardless of what structure we have in Leicestershire.

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## East Goscote Annual Report continued...

### Around the village

Arguably the most important aspect of a Councillors role is helping residents who need my assistance. The range of matters people contact me about is vast (everything from children's services to street lighting and roads), and my role is very much about ensuring residents are listened to and have their issues addressed. To that end I would 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.

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. This year I've worked especially closely with Cllr Kevin Preston who runs the village's Neighborhood Watch. When thinking of what makes an area desirable to live in, security and personal safety always feature very highly. Having such an active Neighborhood Watch is therefore a great thing for East Goscote and I'd like to thank Kevin and the team for the work they do with this. Thank you to Edward Argar MP, with whom I worked on a number of East Goscote matters in the past year and finally thanks to Cllr Sue Gerrard, who is stepping down as East Goscote's Borough Councillor after four years' service to the village. I wish Sue all the best for the future and look forward to working just as closely with her successor after the Borough elections in May.

James Poland CC  
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## LIBRARY REPORT

The last year was a year of consolidation. From this month we will have a reduced income from Leicestershire County Council and therefore we have to be careful with our budget and rely on fundraising even more than in the past two years. It is estimated that our expenditure in this next year will be at least £3500. This expenditure now includes our fire and intruder alarms, Boiler Maintenance, Water maintenance checks and door servicing amongst others. In addition, from November, we will have to pay for our photocopier/scanner.

We have built up a balance of around £14,000 due to the generosity of various organisations and individuals within East Goscote and the surrounding area; including East Goscote and Queniborough Parish Councils, and various groups based at St Hildas.

The Santa event in the library proved continues to be a big success with the children and we thank the Parish Council for supplying the Christmas presents for those who attended. We also arranged the Afternoon Tea for the more senior of our residents. 45 residents attended and they enjoyed a tea and music from our Paul Kirton Smith and friends, Our waiters for the afternoon were a group of keen Brownies who were supervised by Brown Owl (Rosemary Fraser). We would like to thank the volunteers who organised and ran the event, Rosemary Fraser and East Goscote Parish Council who funded the event.

Laurie Needham and Rod Axon have organised a talk about the history of East Goscote. The interest in this event has proven to be so high that a repeat is to be organised. Marie Pole runs a Coffee Morning on Wednesdays which is now well established. Marie has also run a successful Christmas Raffle and Gill Taylor and Jean Calder organised one at Easter.

The sale of Dog bags has gradually increased since the library took control of the distribution.

Other events that have been organised are the Valuation event, the indoor car boot and the fashion show. All of these events proved to be successful and will be repeated during the next year.

A fundraising committee has been formed to find ways of much needed extra funds for the library. If anyone has ideas for raising funds, please talk to this committee or leave details at the library. The committee is Gillie Clarke, Laurie Needham, Nick Shivers, Marie Pole, Jean Calder, Becky Child and Sheila Jones. As a result of the Members Grant from Charnwood Council, the Library has new external LED lights. These lights work on sensors and will therefore reduce our energy usage. We would like to thank Sue Gerrard for supporting this grant.

# East Goscote Crime 2018/19

	ASB	Burglary	Robbery	Vehicle	Violent	Drugs	CD&A	Other Thefts	Bike Thefts	Theft from the person	Shoplift-ing	Weap- ons	Public Order	Other	Total
Jan 2019	4	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Dec 2018	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Nov 2018	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Oct 2018	1	1	1	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	15
Sep 2018	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Aug 2018	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jul 2018	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Jun 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
May 2018	5	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	14
Apr 2018	1	0	0	0	6	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	13
Mar 2018	3	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Jan 2018	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	20	7	1	15	32	1	7	11	0	0	0	1	6	1	102

**Number of crimes in East Goscote for 12 months from Feb 18 – Jan 19 is 102**

Number of crimes in East Goscote for 12 months from Feb 17 – Jan 18 was 98

Statistics taken from UK Crime Stats, the leading public resource for analysis and reporting of monthly crime data in England.

CD & A is Criminal Damage and Arson





## YOUR COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 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 1.96%. From April 2019, the cost per average household (Band D property) has increased from £60.56 to £61.75 per annum. Our total budget for 2019/20 amounts to £85,300, however using some of our reserves we can reduce our requirement to £58,000. This figure is divided by the Council Tax Base to arrive at £61.75 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 (2019/20) we have allocated funds to install two new bus shelters (Broome Avenue/Playing Field). We have also allocated budgets to investigate a) ways to reduce village speeding and b) better drainage on our playing fields. We hope to continue to support the Library and the Village Hall and continue to hold a Christmas event for the elderly.



# EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2018/2019

<u>INCOME</u>	2018	2019	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2018	2019
<i>BALANCE BF</i>	£64,084.84	£68,376.26	ADMIN/STAFF	£39,124.61	£38,540.47
VAT REFUND	£5815.16	£3192.77			
PRECEPT:	£59,350.00	£57,200.00	OPEN SPACES:	£8124.00	£15,529.95
INTEREST:	£42.69	£344.18	V.H.M.C.:	£8,000.00	£743.92
PITCH RENTS:	£2577.00	£3925.00	FREE 2P:	£5101.81	£5198.21
MISC INC:	£959.46	£1335.41	VAT:	£3673.89	£3812.19
DOG BAGS/TENNIS	£318.00	£127.50			
PETTY CASH:	£180.00	£70.00	COUNCIL VAN:	£926.58	£1109.90
<b>TOTAL:</b>	£69,242.31	<b>£66,194.86</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	£64,950.89	<b>£64,934.64</b>
UNPAID CHEQUES:		£414.00			
			CURR ACC:	£	550.18
			DEP ACC:	£	69,463.39
			CASH:	£	36.91
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b><u>£ 134,985.12</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b><u>£134,985.12</u></b>



Afternoon Tea	Tricia Marsland	0116 2609088
ATC Plt Officer	Andy Gaunt	0742 5171549
Boys Brigade	Jeff Matthews	01664 850795
BB Jnr Section	Jean Bates	0116 2606723
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	0798 1101644
Beedles Lake Golf Club		0116 2606759
Borough Councillor	Sue Gerrard	0116 2600906
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	0116 2602912
Broomfield School		0116 2606704
Bizzy Bees	Rachel Laverty	07908781652
Charnwood B. Council		01509 263151
Charnwood W. I.	Sharon Burditt	0771 2468580
Charnwood Recycling and Composting		01509 634563
Cubs	Jayne Disney	0116 2608786
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	0116 2607923
MP Edward Argar		0116 2693789
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	0116 2602202
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 3199678
Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828
	Michelle Baker	07872066509
LCC Councillor	James Poland	07764966677
LCC Mountsorrel Tip		0116 3050001
East Goscote Library		0116 3053510
Mahavir Medical Centre	Dr B Shah	0116 2601007
Messy Church	Rev Tim Day	0116 3486896
Neighbourhood Watch	Kevin Preston	0116 269 4662
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
Syston Bowling Club		0116 2692105
Syston Catholic Ch.	Anthony Pateman	0116 2608476
Syston Methodist Ch.	David Warnock	0116 2607626
Syston Model Railway	John Malpus	0116 2609789
Syston Volunteers	Mark	0116 2607888
Tree Warden		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
Wreake Valley Rotary Club	John Squire	0116 2592788
Wreake Valley Youth Club	Carol Baxter	0116 2608858
Village Faults/Emergences		07739553380

*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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### EAST GOSCOTE LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

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](http://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

Contact Liz Pizer 0116 260 2202

Website: [eastgoscotepc.org.uk](http://eastgoscotepc.org.uk)

### EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings of the East Goscote Parish Council are generally held at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday in each month. Any variation of date or time can be found on the noticeboards, the apps or the website. Information about these means of communication can be found above on this page.