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Hello...

EDITORIAL

We have recently received news that POCKET ROCKET PRESCHOOL is to close at the end of the term. This news does not only affect children and their parents; it also affects the finances of the village hall. Robyn Hill has continued to run the Playgroup over the last few years with low numbers of children but the higher running costs now make it unviable. I would like to thank Robyn for the effort that she has put into keeping the group running as long as she has.

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As always we hope you find something to interest you and maybe prove useful in these tricky times.

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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ROUND-UP

LAURIE NEEDHAM, SANDRA WOODWARD & CHRIS O'NEILL



Community events

We'd like to thank the volunteers that give so much to the village by donating their time and skills to our various community groups and celebrations.

Examples of these are the Coronation celebrations which were well attended and enjoyed by residents, despite the slightly soggy weather.

Laurie also visited the Brownie group in June, after receiving some inspiring letters from them about their care for our environment, a fair society & nature. She has arranged to help access some litter picking equipment so that they feel empowered to take practical action on the issues they raised.

Our Members Grant is now open! Each year, ward councillors can donate up to £500 for community groups in their area. If you think you could use some funding for a good cause, please get in touch.



Local Elections

We were delighted and honoured to have been elected to serve you for the next four years. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village, and pledge to continue our year round work for East Goscote and all those who live here. You may be aware that there were changes to the voting area, which is why you now have three councillors, as we cover a lot of the surrounding villages and an area of Syston. You can contact any of us with questions, concerns or requests for help – that's what we are here for, and our door is always open. Our contact details are at the end of this article.

Traffic

We continue to get a lot of contact about traffic issues such as problem parking and speeding. Whilst this is not something we can directly control, we are working with residents, schools, other local councillors in the area and the police to try and get action on these concerns. Recently, speed activated signs have gone up to remind drivers of their speed and a police operation on speeding took place on Melton Road in May, where fines were issued.

Anti-Social behaviour

There have been some serious issues with anti-social behaviour in the village over the past couple of months. We have asked the anti-social behaviour team and the police to work together and with residents to find a solution to this problem. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their home and community. If you are affected by incidents of ASB or crime, please do report the instances to the ASB department at Charnwood and if there has been a crime, to the police. This allows them to take action – without reports, the issues are much harder to resolve.

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PARISH CHAIRMANS REPORT

It has been a very productive year for the East Goscote Parish Council.

Council and Staff: .

This year we have had three new councillors join the Council - Anne-Marie Harris, Rhonda Fazackerley and Danique Westerveld.

One Councillor resigned - Shane Mousley I would like to thank him for his service and efforts.

At present we have a full complement. From May there will be five councillors returned unopposed; however, five councillors are not seeking another term.

I would like to thank Cllr Westerveld and Cllr Cakes for their contributions and work for the Council.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Cllr Axon, Cllr Cannon, and Cllr Shivers who have undertaken many projects for EGPC over the last few years and have gone above and beyond to serve the village.

I'd like to use this opportunity to highlight the excellent work of the Council's staff.

Our new admin assistant has been promoted to Deputy Clerk and increased her hours. Charlotte Turlington is working very hard to support our Clerk and is currently building up her knowledge.

Liz Pizer our Clerk has worked for the village for 30 years and has now reduced her hours. Liz ensures the legal duties of the council are fulfilled, as well as providing admin support and staff supervision. Her work is vital in enabling the Council to perform its function and getting things done for our village.

Charlie Cadle continues in the Caretaker's role and provides exemplary work around the village. He is assisted by Paul Harper who helps when needed.

A heartfelt thank you to all Staff and Councillors this year.

Planning Applications:

During the year 22 planning Applications have been received and considered by the Parish Council.

The council submitted a detailed response to the Reserved Matters application that came out earlier this year for the Land off Melton Road and have supported residents to engage with the process. Thank you to Cllr Axon who, once again, conducted considerable research on behalf of the Council.

The outcome of this final stage in the planning process is expected in the summer, with works likely to commence later in the year or early next year.

The Local Plan Examination hearings concluded at the end of February, after some delay. EGPC was represented during the hearings by Cllrs Needham, Axon, and Cannon, where we expressed our concerns relating to the Plans effect on East Goscote and the surrounding areas.

Remembrance Sunday.

Cllrs Shivers and Cllr Needham attended the Remembrance service on behalf of the Council. The council marked the event with the poppies on the lampposts.

Village Facilities

The Tennis Court continues to be popular with 175

members. During the winter the court gets closed for protection and the surface then cleaned by our caretaker Charlie. Resurfacing to our Lilac Way play area has been completed along with the Re-tarmac of the multi sports court.

Vandalism:

The cost of vandalism for March 22 - March 23 amounted to £637 which is extremely low compared to other years. This was mainly damage to the wet pour surfacing on the play areas and the theft of a bin lid which meant having to order a new bin at a cost of £200. We have also recently had damage to our bus shelter which will cost in excess of £300 to repair.

Dog Fouling:

This continues to be a constant complaint received by the Clerk and Councillors, this is despite the fact that thousands of poo bags are sold and there being a plentiful supply of bins around the Village.

The library continues to distribute dog bags at £1 per pack of 50 and 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. The council agreed to install information signs to deter dog fouling and encourage people to behave responsibly and ensure dogs were under control when using the Playing Fields. Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr Harris has taken on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. More NW volunteers are required around the village

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.

East Goscote Library:

The Chair of the library has sent the following report on behalf of the Community Library:

The past twelve months have been easier than past years now that we are more accustomed to the way we should work. We continue to have the support of East Goscote PC as well as St Hilda's Church.

Sales of various items have not raised as much as expected but is better than last year and we are happy with the income.

To reduce energy usage we have replaced the heaters but this has not worked as the unit cost has risen.

Broomfield School continue to have regular visits to the library, and we have appointed a School Liaison Officer. The village playgroups are attending the library on a regular basis.

We have 19 volunteers including a gardener, who work to a DIY manual rota system. We have never failed to open due to volunteer shortage during the past twelve months.

The Coffee Mornings continue to contribute extra income.

The Santa evenings continue to be successful.

Due to grants to cover us during COVID, we are in a comfortable financial basis.

We have purchased an amount of Adult and Childrens furniture using our S106 grant from a development at Queniborough.

Use of the standard library services is stable but footfall has dropped considerably more since COVID.

We are developing a plant swap in the library grounds.

The sale of poo bags continues to be a useful fund-raiser although support has reduced a little since December 2022.

The Romp and Rhyme sessions for youngsters have restarted and parents are able to bring their children to the playgroup sessions.

Broomfield School now make frequent visits to the library. Rearsby School now have forged a link with the library. Their school choir came to the library just before Christmas to perform carols for residents of the village.

Parish Phone App/New Website:

The success of the website and the App continues. Our Parish app has had a total of 1162 downloads, which again, is up on previous years.

To download the app please see details at the end of this edition.

Long Furrow:

This long-standing magazine continues to be published quarterly and has been able to return to colour prints and full distribution.

Gareth Roberts continues to create the magazine artwork with help from the committee members and John Malpus remains as the editor.

Volunteer distributors are always needed so please get in touch with the delivery coordinator, using the contact details provided in the Long Furrow magazine. The Council continue to support the publication.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Project posters to remind people to drive slowly around our village were installed recently and data was received from LCC regarding the speeds. A new Vehicle Activated Sign will be installed in the spring along Long Furrow adjacent to the brook.

Coronation event Celebrations:

A village celebration will take place on Monday 8th May 2-5pm on the area outside of the Village Hall. As with the Jubilee event last year, there will be free children's activities, stalls and a band. Thank you to Charlotte and Cllrs Fazakerley, Harris, and Tate for helping to organise and those who have or will be volunteering their time.

Meeting day:

It was agreed at Full Council in November 2022 to change the meeting date to the second Monday of each month, rather than the Wednesday.

Tree Work:

LCC have carried out work to most of their trees. The Parish Council Contractor carried out 3 days of tree work to trees around the playing field, village green and Lilac Way.

The PC arranged defibrillator training with East Midlands Ambulance Service. This was very well attended by our residents and lots of positive comments were received.

Police Beat Surgeries:

These are being held at the Community Library on the First and third Wednesdays between 11am and 12 noon. Cllrs Shivers & Needham met with the PCSO last month to discuss possible solutions and police assistance with speeding and parking issues.

Parish Priorities

A survey was undertaken to establish what facilities etc residents felt were the most important to try and secure through any future funding that may come to the village. Only 24 replies were received so EGPC did not feel that the responses were an accurate reflection and are now considering how else we might engage residents in this process.

Christmas Event

A very successful event was held in December 2022 for people aged over 65 living the village. It was very positive, and we received great feedback from those who attended. Greener Goscote:

A group of local residents regularly volunteer to under-take projects such as litter picks and maintaining the recycling-centre behind Merchants Common. They help add to our green and colourful village with the planting of trees, wild flowers and other plants which encourage and support wildlife (see wild flower & tree planting above). Thank you to these volunteers for their time and hard work.

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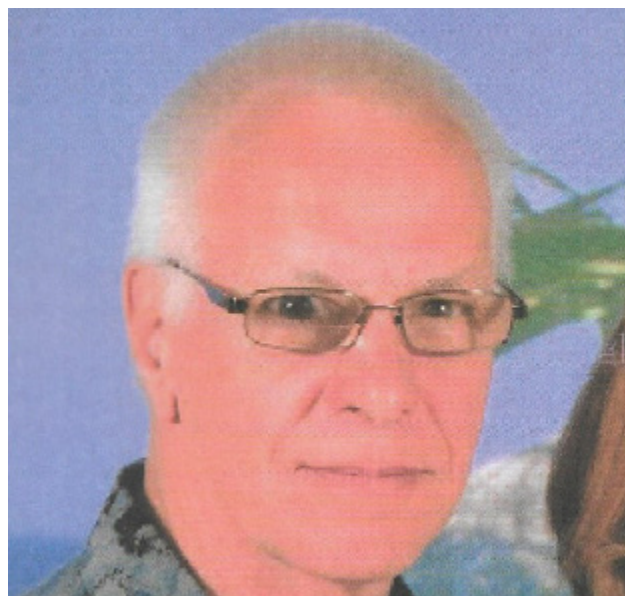
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Thank You's:

I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors, our current 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.

Chair (Laurie Needham)



LONG FURROW EDITOR RETIRES

After this edition of Long Furrow we shall be looking for someone to assist Gareth Roberts in the preparation of the magazine as John Malpus is retiring from this position.

The work involves typing up submitted articles and forwarding them along with adverts to Gareth who then creates the magazine artwork for printing. The purpose of the preparation is to ensure that enough content to fill the magazine pages is sent to Gareth.

John is retiring to allow him more time for other community involvement and his hobbies.

If anyone is interested, then you need to be able to use simple publishing computer skills as Gareth will be finalising each edition.

If you are interested, contact John on long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk

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To complete the Sudoku puzzle, enter numbers into the spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 without repeats.

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

LOOKING BACK

The village Coronation event was very successful - see separate pictures. Also the internal audit for the parish council finances has been undertaken and the report is available online.

AND LOOKING FORWARD

Tennis court bookings and other phone app facilities will be via the website. The App is no longer being provided due to a software issue.

And we have secured grant funding for an ecologist to survey the village. We will be hosting guided nature walks and are looking to promote a "Hedgehog Street" project - check out the separate article and <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org>. On the Long Furrow Wildlife Verge, plug plants have been funded by the parish council to add colour and diversity.

OUT AND ABOUT

Charnwood Borough Council are undertaking surveys of the Mound - we have cut the grass on the top to allow this to be undertaken. The latch from the playing field gate has gone missing. We are getting prices to replace the gate this year.

A Dog Warden will be visiting our village green and playing fields over the next 6 months (see separate article). He will be offering dog bags where needed and speaking to dog owners about the importance of cleaning up after their dogs and keeping them under control.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Circus returns to Jubilee Playing Field from Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th October. And breaking news from the Elves - Santa will be in the Village Library on Friday 8th December. On Saturday 9th December there will be an event for Seniors. More in the next edition.

TRAFFIC MATTERS:

A Community Vehicle Activated Sign has been installed alongside the brook set to 31 mph.

PLANNING MATTERS

Redrow Housing Development - new plans should by now have been submitted. The Chair and Clerk are meeting regularly with the developers. If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish office or Cllr Laurie Needham

AND FINALLY

If you would like to give something back to the community and help to make our village an even better place to live, why not find out about being a Parish Councillor? We currently have four vacancies. Contact us on 0116 2602202 or egadmin@talktalk.net



EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL IS AVAILABLE TO HIRE!

The Village Hall Management Committee were saddened to hear that Pocket Rocket Preschool decided to close at the end of the Summer Term and wish all the staff and children the best for the future.

Having been recently painted, with a hearing loop and PA system installed, and a new flooring to be fitted over the summer, the hall is available to hire.

As well as being available for occasional use, we have the opportunity for a regular user to have weekly use of the Village Hall.

If you would like more information, or to discuss availability, please contact: Charlotte Turlington on 0116 260 2202 or email egadmin@talktalk.net.



Greener Goscote flower bed in full bloom



HELLO FROM BROOMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL!

We have had an amazing few weeks at Broomfield. Here is just a snapshot of what we have been up to!



Foundation went on the minibus to Roots Farm. They each bought a piece of fruit and had a great time looking at the animals too.

Year 5 went on a walk to Rearsby as part of their art work. They sat and sketched the view by the bridge and have produced some fabu-lous work!



We have had various teams compete in different competitions. This is the Quadkids Festival at Saffron Lane. Our Y/6 team and our Netball team will be representing South Charnwood at the School Games Finals at Loughborough University.

Other fabulous activities and events have been:

- Foundation Visit to Beaumanor hall for a Pirate Day.
- Foundation visiting the Mary de Castro Church in Leicester.
- Y4 Habitat walk
- Waste management day for Y5/6
- Football Finals
- Easter Raffle
- Bosworth Battlefield visit – Year 4
- Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-sports festivals
- Premier Education – Wraparound care



We had a theatre company and staff from the waste management section of the County Council visit us. They showed our Y5/6 how to make compost, be net zero and ways to be environmentally friendly too.



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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

DOG CONCERNS

The Parish Council receives a lot of complaints about dog fouling and concerns with dogs off leads. As you may have seen additional signage has been installed around the Jubilee Playing Fields.

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS

THIS AREA IS A SHARED OPEN SPACE FOR ALL TO USE AND ENJOY. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER USERS AND BEAR THE FOLLOWING IN MIND:

- **Dogs must be under control at all times and within your view** - if you have no voice control over your dog, please keep them on a lead.
- **Please clean up after your dog** - there are health risks to others using the area.
- **Dangerous activities are not permitted** - including Trail Biking, Quad Biking, Golf and Horse Riding.



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In addition, the Parish Council is employing the services of a Dog Warden to visit the Jubilee Playing Fields and Village Green on an ad-hoc basis for a trial period of 6 months. He will be available to discuss any concerns and has dog bags on hand should you need one.

You can also report issues with dogs to Charnwood Borough Council using the following link:

https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/report_a_dog_problem



MESSY CHURCH

St Hilda's Little Fishes Stay and Play Toddler group meets in the church on a Monday afternoon, 1.30pm – 3pm. We open term time offering lots of toys for little ones from babies to pre-schoolers. We provide a friendly, safe place for children to play and grown-ups to chat. Refreshments are available. All for just £1 per family. We will be closed from mid-July for the summer and open again on Monday 4th September. Come along and join in the fun, we look forward to seeing you then.

In May, St Hilda's Pentecost Messy Church event was open for primary aged children and families. We had lots of craft to celebrate Pentecost and learn more about the Holy Spirit. Plenty of cake and refreshments were available and a good time was had by all. Our next Messy Church event will be on Thursday 27th July at 2pm in St Hilda's Church just £1 per child, no need to book, just come along on the day and be ready to get "crafting".

Mandy Green
Children and Families worker.
St Michael and All Angles Church
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New Chairs.



Childrens Rug

TEA TIMERS

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm for coffee, cake and a chat: everyone welcome. We have board games on offer and if you knit or crochet bring it along. We recently had a Royal Wedding Party enjoyed by all. We are always up for a party! For further information please contact Tricia 2609088 we would love to see you.



THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

AUGUST 2023 (NO. 72)

SPRING INTO ACTION

A busy and productive Spring for Greener Goscote. We have supported the Coronation Event in May and the Scout Fete in June dealing with litter in the greenest possible way, recovering high levels of recyclables and leaving the sites pristine. Thanks to the organisers for involving us and the volunteers. The same applies to litter picks where we have helped our neighbours in Syston and Queniborough.



The Wildlife Verge on Long Furrow brookside required some tlc for the plug plant areas where Oxeye Daisy, Lesser Knapweed and Lady's Bedstraw have been introduced for colour and diversity. Funded by the Parish Council.

CONTACT US:

Greener Goscote exists to promote real environmental sustainability in our village. For free advice on composting, recycling, biodiversity and climate change and for information on Greener Goscote contact David on 07873852372, or email greenergoscote@outlook.com or find us on Facebook.

RIGHT UP OUR STREET

Read elsewhere in this edition and look out for the exciting new Parish Council ecology project led by Dr Helen O'Brien. The project is fully funded from the Reaching People Environment Award. Helen will be carrying out a scientific survey of the ecology of our village, leading guided walks and helping us to launch a Hedgehog Street project. If you are interested in making your surroundings more hedgehog friendly or joining in the walks, contact the Parish Council.

HELP SAVE LOCAL HEDGEHOGS

Why not setup some Hedgehog Highways in East Goscote to help our hogs find places they can call home?

Send details of Hedgehogs feeding regularly in your garden or any you have seen in East Goscote this year to LandRmammals@gmail.com to help us decide where is best

And many thanks to Central Co-op for a Community Dividend Award which we will use towards tools and signage.

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EAST GOSCOTE



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Despite the weather a lot of fun was had celebrating the coronation of King Charles on Monday 8th May on the Village Green. The Parish Council chose to raise funds for **RAINBOWS CHILDRENS HOSPICE** as part of the event and is pleased to announce that £130 was raised thanks to your support.



A HUGE Thank You to the Plough, St Hilda's Church, the Scouts, Greener Goscote, Broomfield Primary School and the Parish Council for their time and hard work in putting on this event for the village.



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EAST GOSCOTE BROWNIES

This term started with us going to Topstones for our annual pack holiday. The theme was "I'm a Brownie, get me out of here".

The Brownies had a go with catapults, made wood chippings to make their own fires, tried the climbing wall and assault course, as well as singing around the campfire. It was a great weekend and the girls are already excited about next year. We have been doing some badge work, including running a cake sale for the charity "SENSE".

We also spent an evening at the Leicester City "King Power Stadium" where we had access to all areas. It was a really great experience and as some of our girls already play for local teams, it really encouraged them to play their best. We also went to a special Girl Guiding showing of "The Little Mermaid" at the Odeon cinema in Leicester. It was a long film, but the Brownies were so well behaved and we were so proud to be out with them.

As it was Fathers Day in June, we invited the dads or an adult of their choice to join us for sports day. They were incredibly competitive and surprised us all with their skipping ability and tree legged race. It was

such a fun evening and the girls loved it.

Having written to our local councillor Laurie Needham about their concerns about local litter, Laurie came to talk to the Brownies and has arranged for us to do a litter pick. It is so important to use the bins provided, to ensure the safety of animals and general public.

For our last evening this term, we will be going fishing at Rearsby brook.

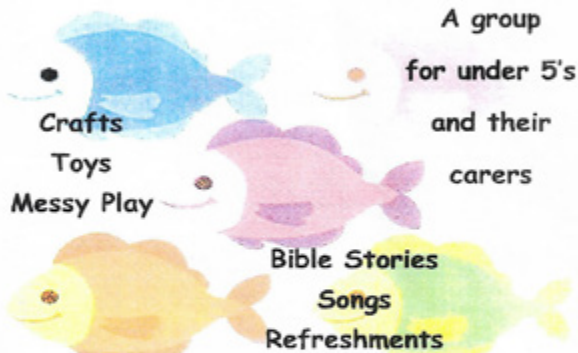
As we finish for the summer, I would just like to thank, Sami, Sarah and Dorota for their commitment to the pack. As you know it is a voluntary role and we have given so many extra hours up this term for all the extra activities. We are so lucky to have such understanding families and of course to the Brownie parents for their continued support. Have a great summer and see you all in September.

If you are interested in joining the pack, please go to the Girl Guiding website and register your interest.

Regards Brown Owl.
mandy.green@thefosseteam.org

Little Fishes

Baby and Toddler group



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HEDGEHOG STREET PROJECT,
GUIDED WALKS
AND AN ECOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PARISH

East Goscote Parish Council have secured £2000 from the Reaching People Environment Fund to fully fund an ecological appraisal of the village and to engage the community by means of guided nature walks and a caring project for our prickly friends.

Local ecologist, Dr Helen O'Brien, will carry out the survey (you may spot her with hi-viz and clipboard) and she will lead **three guided nature walks**. These will start by the Pavilion at:

6pm on Wednesday 16th August,

10:30am on Saturday 16th September

and a further date to be arranged.



Parish Councillors will be along to join the public in the learning process so that they can continue the good work afterwards.

The survey will provide a more scientific picture of our environment which will help to guide future activities. It will inform our understanding of what we have, protecting what is under threat, and enhancing the natural environment where appropriate. The guided walks and Hedgehog Street project will be launched to further engage the community, especially children accompanied by an adult.

If you are interested in taking part in the guided nature walks or learning about making your surroundings more hedgehog friendly, get in touch with the Parish Council on 0116 2602202 or egadmin@talktalk.net.

It would be great to have you on board with this project.

YOUR COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2022/23 EXPLAINED

<p>The Mound Play Area Lilac Way Green Play Area Village Green Play Area 5 x Football Pitches Sports Pavilion & Tennis Court Fitness equipment</p>			<p>Council Office Staff/Admin Subs & Donations Village Insurance</p>
<p>Village Hall Community Library</p>			<p>Parish App 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>£71.80 Per Band D Household Per Year</p>

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 an increase in the precept charge to East Goscote residents. From April 2022, the cost per average household (Band D property) has increased from £67.18 to £71.80 per annum. Our total budget for 2022/2023 amounts to £87,975.00, however using some of our reserves we can reduce our requirement to £66,900.00. This figure is divided by the Council Tax Base ((931.7) to arrive at £71.8 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 (2023/24) we are holding a Queens Jubilee community event, repairing the tarmac to the multi sports court on the playing fields, and are re-surfacing the swings on Lilac Way due to root damage.

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

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

17.04.2023

<u>INCOME</u>	2022	2023	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2022	2023
BALANCE BF	£63,413.86	£58,508.64			
VAT REFUNDED	£4,177.67	£5,798.33	ADMIN/STAFF	£41,481.86	£46,354.32
PRECEPT:	£59,000.00	£63,000.00	OPEN SPACES:	£21,173.68	£14,070.79
INTEREST:	£241.79	£451.77	V.H.M.C:	£1,000.00	£992.46
PITCH RENTS:	£3,102.00	£2,039.00	FREE 2P:	£8,333.82	£8,905.04
MISC INCOME:	£6,895.20	£4,992.25	VAT:	£5,403.29	£3,815.91
DOG BAGS/TENNIS	£168.00	£80.00	COUNCIL VAN:	£1,097.23	£1,532.89
PETTY CASH	£0	£100.00			
TOTAL:	£73,584.66	£76,461.35	TOTAL		£75,671.41
UNPAID CHEQUES	£13,665.60	£5,071.20	CURR ACC:		£1,024.13
			DEP ACC		£63,327.01
			CASH		£18.64
TOTAL	£140,041.19		TOTAL		£140,041.19

FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2023

You have all received your financial report in your pack. Looking at our expenditure last year, wages and admin make up most of the expenses, now having four hard working members of staff.

The amount in Open Spaces is the cost of maintaining the green areas, the mowing contract, and maintaining the play areas. This year we repaired the multi sports court and had to replace the wet pour and footpath on the Lilac Way play area due to roots growing through. We also purchased new seats for our roundabout on the village green play area.

The free 2p which is an amount of £8.82 per electorate may be spent on things which are in the interests of, or will directly benefit the area of its inhabitants, or part of it, or some of them. This we have spent on items like subs and donations, production of our village magazine, the Christmas lights celebrations, and the Jubilee event.

On the income side of things, it is made up of our precept and pitch rents, we did receive a grant from our County Councillor for a new vehicle activated sign which is installed on Long Furrow.

Financial matters within the village influence every household via the community charge; this is where we notice any increase at a personal level.

The Parish Council budget for 2023/24 is £87,975.00 however, using our reserves; we can reduce our level of requirement to £66,900.00. The Parish requirement for a band D property in the village of East Goscote for 2023/24 is £71.80.

Our projects for 2023/24 include a village event to celebrate the Kings Coronation, and a new gate for the entrance to the playing field. We are also saving towards a new vehicle for our caretakers and a new pavilion roof.



Crime in East Goscote 2022/2023

	ASB	Burglary	Robbery	Vehicle	Violent	Drugs	CD&A	Other Thefts	Bike Theft	Theft From the Person	Shoplifting	Weapons	Public Order	Other	Total
Jan 2023	1	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11
Dec 2022	1	1	0	5	9	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	25
Nov 2022	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Oct 2022	0	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Sep 2022	1	1	0	2	4	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Aug 2022	0	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Jul 2022	2	1	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12
Jun 2022	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
May 2022	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Apr 2022	0	1	0	2	10	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	20
Mar 2022	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
Feb 2022	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total 22/23	6	13	0	19	67	1	13	7	0	0	0	0	14	2	142
Total 21/22	11	3	0	9	46	1	8	3	0	0	1	1	6	3	92

Number of crimes in East Goscote for 12 months from Feb 22 – Jan 23 is 142

Number of crimes in East Goscote for 12 months from Feb 21 – Jan 22 was 92

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)

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Beehive Baby & Toddler Group	Natalie Palfreyman	07720738820
Bizzy Bees	Rachel Laverty	07908781652
Borough Councillor	Laurie Needham	07807399879
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	07981812955
Broomfield School		0116 2606704
Charnwood B. Council		01509 263151
Charnwood Recycling and Composting		01509 634563
Charnwood W. I.	Sharon Astill	07849888752
Cubs	Jayne Disney	0116 2608786
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	0116 2607923
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	0116 2602202
East Goscote Stores and Off-Licence		01162606236
E.G United Football Club:		
Academy (Foundation Yr 3)		07486531608
Girls teams membership		07486531608
U11 boys (Sch. Year 5)	Jon Day	07794973216
Environment Action	David Cannon	07873852372
Friends of Broomfield	Nicola Drage	07813132715
Friendship Club	Marie Pole	0116 2602287
Greener Goscote	David Cannon	07873852372
LCC Councillor	James Poland	07764966677
Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828
	Michelle Baker	07872066509
East Goscote Library		0116 3053510
LCC Mountsorrel Tip		0116 3050001

Messy Church	Mandy Green	07792734115
MP	Edward Argar	0116 2693789
Neighbourhood Watch		01162602202
Pocket Rocket Pre-School		07414253969
Little Fishes	Mandy Green	07792734115
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Rainbows	Alex Riley	07894055128
Scout Group/Hut		0116 2605457
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Village Hall Bookings		0116 2602202
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Monday	09.30 to 12.30 hrs
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Thursday	9.30 to 12.30 hrs
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