



### **Advancing the Services Role of the Town Council**

In the near future, the Town Council will be discussing with Broxtowe Borough Council, a new 'Charter Relationship' Agreement'. I would like to explain what this is, and to invite constructive comments and suggestions from the Eastwood Community.

As many people are aware, Eastwood Town Council was the first local Council in the County to be awarded 'Quality Council' status by the National Association of Local Councils under the Governments initiative to develop the role of local councils. Where a Council reaches the standard required for this award, it demonstrates its competency to provide new services to its own community. Government policy recommends in this case, that a limited number of services, currently provided by 'District' (Borough) Councils, could be passed over to the local Council (eg. Eastwood) to provide.

*This would not normally involve any increase in rates since existing budgets would be transferred with the services.*

The idea is that a local Council is more knowledgeable about local needs and therefore better placed to target these services where they are mostly needed. The question which the Town Council is currently considering is 'What services would be improved by such a transfer?'

Some of the services which the Town Council is considering for transfer are:-

- Issuing licences for entertainment / restaurant businesses
- Local litter clearance
- Byelaws to control alcohol consumption in public places
- Town Centre Development
- Public lighting / Xmas lights

So what do you think? Should the Town Council take over more services and if so, which ones? If you have any comments / suggestions please do speak to our Councillors or the Town Clerk.

Don Rowley  
Leader of the Council

## **Eastwood Town Council**

### **Autumn 2006 Newsletter**

#### Town Council's Garden Service wins Regional award

The Commission for Rural Communities have recently run a national competition for Town and Parish Councils in respect of innovative projects of services to communities. Four areas were specified and the Town Council submitted an entry for our garden support service for elderly/disabled residents. Eastwood was chosen as the East Midlands regions winner. The Town Mayor, Cllr Sue Bagshaw was invited to attend a national conference in Liverpool where she was presented with a framed certificate and a cheque for £250 towards the cost of this important local service. On her return to Eastwood, Sue said, " Our entry was put forward for a National award alongside 7 other regions. We came third which, as a first effort, was very satisfactory"

#### Eastwood War Memorial

More progress can be reported in the project to replace the rear wall of the Town's War Memorial. The County Councils "Building Better Communities" initiative has agreed to make a very welcome contribution of £5000 towards the total estimated cost of £23,000. With the contributions already promised by the Borough Council and the Town Council, total available funds are now £15,000. It is hoped that English Heritage will be willing to make a grant for the remaining amount and detailed plans are now being drawn up in preparation for the bid.

The Town Council's application for the memorial to be formally listed as a grade 2 building has also been approved by English Heritage and this will help ensure the protection of the important Town memorial for future generations.

#### Traffic Nuisance

The Town Council has taken up the plight of residents on Church Street, Brookhill Leys Road and Chewton Street who are suffering from excessive traffic noise, and dangerous driving by vehicles travelling to the MFN nightclub at Shipley Gate. Groups of motorcycles and cars are regularly speeding through Eastwood to attend specialist interest evenings and then leaving, again through the Town late at night. Investigations of various alternatives are being carried out and full liaison is taking place with the County Highways, the Borough Council and the Police. Cllr Peter Butler has detailed knowledge of the problem and is monitoring the situation every week. The Leader of the Town Council, Cllr Don Rowley said "We will continue our representations upon this problem until it is rectified. Our residents should not have to suffer this kind of anti social behaviour"

### New Road Signs for Eastwood Town

Proposals are being prepared for new boundary signs for Eastwood. It is hoped to install these on Mansfield Road, Dovecote Road, Nottingham Road, Old Derby Road and New Manleys Road in the near future. These signs should offer visitors to our Town a welcome with a reminder that D H Lawrence was born here and spent all of his early years in Eastwood. Next year's international D H Lawrence programme is one of the reasons for these new signs.

### Town Mayors Awards 2006/7

Nominations are being invited for the annual awards to people in the Town who give support and help to other people in our community. There is no limit upon who can propose someone. What the Town Council is trying to do is to publicly applaud the work of unsung heroes who give their time and efforts to improve the lives of others. If you know of someone who deserves public recognition of their work, do please write to the Town Clerk with details. Awards to those selected are given at the **Annual Town Meeting**, which will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007

### Remembrance Day 2006.

Preparations will begin shortly for this year's Remembrance Day service and parades. This important event is jointly organised by the Town Council and the Eastwood and District Branch, Royal British Legion. The event will take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006**, commencing at 9.30am with the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church, on Church Street. This will be followed by a parade of uniformed groups and civic dignitaries to the Town's War Memorial at the top of Plumtre Way. This is an important civic event for the Town and both the Royal British Legion and the Town Council hope that many residents are able to attend and show their own appreciation for those who gave so much during past conflicts. In particular, if any serving member of our armed services from Eastwood – or their families – can attend, they would be most welcome.

### Szolnok Folk Festival 2006. Eastwood represents England !

A group of youngsters from Eastwood Comprehensive School has recently returned from giving a musical contribution to the Folk Festival in our Twinned town of Szolnok. Contributions were given from six other countries around the world and the Festival was an outstanding success. Our youngsters proved to be excellent ambassadors as well as giving a music performance of the highest quality. Well-done Eastwood Scholars!! Those that took part are; Andrew Young, Abbie Parkinson, Ewan Reading, Samantha Lees, Natasha Giddens, Jake Scott and led by teachers from the school Matthew Casterton and Sarah Taylor.

The Eastwood Twinning Association is planning more events. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Association, do please contact Cllr Sue Bagshaw.

## **A simple way for employers and staff to support the work of a local charity**

Companies in the Eastwood area are being asked to support the work of a local charity by encouraging their employees to donate clothing and other surplus items, ideally at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly or annually)

Age Concern Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is an independent, local charity supporting and representing older people across Nottinghamshire. Its charity shops at Eastwood, West Bridgford and Mansfield need regular supplies of donated items – good quality clothing, books, CDs, ornaments, etc.

An in-house collections service guarantees to pick up items to an agreed timetable, so employers' premises will not become cluttered with donations brought in by their staff.

The income from shop profits is used to support local services - including Information & Advice Service, Day Centres, Carers Support Service, Counselling and a Traders Register

For further information, or to arrange a meeting, employers are asked to contact David Timcke, Executive Officer on 0115 844 0011 ([timcke@ageconcernnotts.org.uk](mailto:timcke@ageconcernnotts.org.uk)) or Lynn Burton, Retail Manager on 01773 533282.

## Eastwood Town Centre Management Group Update



Eastwood Town Centre Management Group has been running since 2001 but there are still a number of businesses that are unaware of who we are and what we do. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:-

### **Who are the Eastwood Town Centre Management Group?**

Eastwood Town Centre Management Group is a partnership of local businesses, Eastwood Town Council and Broxtowe Borough Council. Council representatives are limited as the ETCMG is a business led group focusing on business needs and issues.

### **What does Eastwood Town Centre Management Group do?**

The group have an annual action plan that ties in with a 5-year business plan. The aim of the group is to make changes and improvements to Eastwood Town centre to try and restore economic vibrancy in the area.

The themes that the group work on are:

Environment and Appearance

Crime and Disorder

Promotion and Marketing

Group Development

### **How can you help?**

The group relies on input from businesses, so people can raise issues that are of concern to them, the fewer businesses that attend the fewer voices heard. The group need contribution from as many businesses in the town to make sure the right issues are addressed. We need as many businesses as possible to come along to our meetings.

As a business you could also help by hosting the meetings. If your shop or office has space for up to 20 people to sit in an informal meeting style then please contact us.

### **When do they meet?**

Meetings are held 6 times a year in January, March, May, July, September and November. They are always on the last Thursday of the month and start at 6.00pm and finish at 7.30pm. They currently take place at Durban House Heritage Centre on Mansfield Road in Eastwood.

The Eastwood Town Centre Management Group support a number of projects, schemes and events to help businesses and trade within the town. Below are some of the current things we are promoting.

### **Property Improvements**

If you own or rent a retail unit in Eastwood Town Centre or you have an older industrial premise in Eastwood that requires upgrading you may be eligible for grant aid to improve these properties.

The Keeping Up Appearances Grant Scheme Can offer funding up to 66.6 % of the total project costs and applicants could be eligible for up to a maximum of £2,665 of grant aid. This scheme is aimed at helping businesses and is offered to help improve the frontages of premises.

Not only does Broxtowe Borough Council offer a Keeping Up Appearances Grant but there are also Industrial Improvement Grants available which are designed to help businesses set up or expand their operations in Broxtowe by contributing towards the cost of upgrading older industrial premises. Eligible schemes vary in scope and content but may typically include:

*The removal of older parts or subdivisions*

*Improvements to access, servicing and parking*

*Essential repairs*

*External facelifts, including planting and improvements to the exterior environment*

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Team tots before

Team Tots after

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**Team Tots Clothing Ltd have benefited from the Industrial improvement Grant, they received £5,747 in grant aid to improve the property on King Street.**

Another scheme for retailers...

Retail Right is a free business programme designed specifically for small retail businesses in Greater Nottingham. Its aim, in addition to raising environmental awareness, is to help you manage your environmental impacts by:

- Carrying out an Environmental Review
- Developing an Environmental Action Plan
- Implementing an Environmental Action Plan

The environmental review takes about one hour and is carried out by one of Groundwork Greater Nottingham's environmental specialists and provides:

- An independent assessment of your business activities
- Investigates your business with respect to its compliance with legislation
- Identifies potential environmental impacts of your business
- Identifies opportunities for cost savings
- Forms the core of an environmental action plan

The environmental action plan pulls in the significant findings from the review, establishes baseline figures e.g. waste types/volumes, energy types/volumes and describes the actions necessary to comply with legislation and improve resource efficiency. It is, therefore, a systematic programme for achieving appropriate post review targets and objectives for improving the environmental performance of your business and making some cost savings.

If you are interested in participating in this scheme please contact Emma Hill or James May at Groundwork Greater Nottingham on 0115 9788212 or email [info@retailright.co.uk](mailto:info@retailright.co.uk)

**Insert Retail Right Logo**

### **Greater Nottingham Action on Tourism (GNAT!)**

The GNAT project has been set up to add value to village improvements, which are being funded by Building Better Communities – this is the County Council fund that has enhanced so many places in Nottinghamshire.

Improvements such as new paving and landscaping, street furniture, public art and signboards make our environment attractive to visitors as well as residents. ‘Quality’ is the key word here; good places to live also make great places to visit!

We aim to work with local communities to identify the special character of a place, offer publicity and enhance local tourism opportunities. Eastwood and surrounding villages are one of the first places to benefit. Visitors to the town, perhaps attracted by the DH Lawrence focus will be encouraged to stay in the area for longer, increasing the number of people staying overnight and supporting more local businesses while they are here. The project will provide marketing and business advice for small businesses. We will be able to link in to the overall Nottinghamshire branding as promoted by Experience Nottinghamshire.

The project will concentrate on the following themes, and develop other initiatives of interest to visitors.

Nature trails and reserves – promoting the natural beauty and diversity of the Nottinghamshire countryside

Local heritage and culture – preserving and promoting local landmarks and creating a sustainable tourism product from them

Local food and shops – with links to Market Towns, farmers’ markets and local food producers and to rural retail initiatives such as Shop in a Box.

The project is working with a group representing a range of initiatives planned for the town. We are particularly interested in village events, places and businesses that we can link into the bigger picture. Broxtowe Borough Council is currently mapping small businesses that could benefit; support and marketing will be delivered through the project coordinator.

GNAT is a partnership approach between Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Groundwork Greater Nottingham. The

project is funded by Greater Nottingham Partnership and Nottinghamshire County Council.

For further information please contact Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council on 01623 727600 or e-mail [whoneymansmith@nottsccc.org.uk](mailto:whoneymansmith@nottsccc.org.uk) alternatively you can contact Louise Ashby, Town Centre Co-ordinator for Broxtowe on 0115 9173989.

### **Third annual D.H. Lawrence Festival**

Over 4,000 visitors from around the world, including Japan, Australia, Russia, and China, have taken part in this year's D.H. Lawrence Festival celebrating the life and works of one of Nottinghamshire's greatest literary figures. The varied four-week festival programme included book clubs; guided walks; specialist talks; themed culinary evenings exploring the countries where the writer visited during his lifetime as well as fun family event such as *Meet the Lawrences*. Visitors can still enjoy a special exhibition developed for the festival entitled '*Portrait of a Genius: Images of D.H. Lawrence*' until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Attendance to the Festival has grown each year, since it first began in 2004. The 2007 D.H. Lawrence Festival promises to be even bigger as it will coincide with the International D.H. Lawrence Conference, which for the first time will be based in Eastwood attracting scholars and admirers of Lawrence from around the world. Forward your details to [culture@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:culture@broxtowe.gov.uk) or telephone 01773 717353 to be added to the D.H. Lawrence Festival mailing list.

Finally, a date for your diary:-

### **EASTWOOD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT – TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2006**

Broxtowe Borough Council are working in partnership with the Town Council, Trades Guild and local businesses and are once again organising the biggest event of the Eastwood's Calendar for Christmas. The event will take place on Tuesday 21st November along Nottingham Road, Eastwood from 6.00 – 8.15 p.m.

We hope you will feel inspired to come along and participate!

- 6.00 Spectacular Lantern Gathering on Eastwood Square (outside the library)  
A local band will entertain the lantern gathering and create a warm glow for that Christmassy feeling!
- 7.00 Light switch-on ceremony with the Mayors of Eastwood and Broxtowe at the Hollies with a spectacular fireworks display.
- 7.15 1hr live performance from one of the best 5 piece Robbie tribute bands, to play all your favourite hits!
- 8.15 Event finishes. Road re-opens at 9.00pm

Other attractions include:

Rudolf rides adjacent to The Lord Nelson pub. (4 donkeys and a pony!)

Santa's Grotto at Freckleton & Brown Estate Agents

Visit the Craft Centre Courtyard and shops for:

- Traditional Choir singing Carols

- Hot Food
  - Free Face Painting
  - Kiddies fairground rides
  - Open shops and hospitality.
- Fairy Grotto at the Birthplace Museum.  
Children's fun fair  
Late night opening  
Street Entertainers

**Street closures will be in place along Nottingham Road from Plumpton Way to the Sun Inn roundabout from 6 – 9 pm.**

(Small bits to be added in body of text where space permits)

THANK YOU

A big 'Thank You' goes to the Eastwood Scouts for the delivery of these newsletters to local shops and businesses. They are currently raising funds for their trip to Nepal where they intend to carry out some conservation work with the local community, any donations can be made to Tracey Wood 0115 945 9591

Our next newsletter will be published in January 2007. There is some limited space available for contributions

Town Council Staff

Malcolm F Plumb – Town Clerk

Caroline Jamison – Council Secretary

Claire Gilby – Finance & PR

Wayne Shillam – Park Attendant

Lynne Smith – Office Maintenance

(Please save a half page for an advert from Photo Dynamics)

## Services Provided by the Town Council

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| Recreation Grounds              | Management and maintenance of Coronation Park<br>Church Street, and Mansfield Road recreation grounds including children's play areas.  |
| Sports Facilities               | Maintenance and management of bowls greens, artificial soccer pitch, skateboard park and a basketball pitch. Maintenance of Eastwood Town Football Club pitch and the Eastwood Town Cricket Club pitch. |
| Allotment Gardens               | Management and maintenance of two large allotment gardens sites in the town (Derby Rd and Dovecote Road).   |
| Garden Services                 | Provision of (free) garden services to the elderly/disabled. This is a garden tidying service for those residents not able to do the work themselves and are not able to obtain the support elsewhere.  |
| Grants to Community Groups      | Annual grants towards the running costs of community organisations that clearly provide benefit to the Eastwood community.  |
| Summer floral displays          | Provision of hanging baskets and pavement displays for the entire length of the Town's main street. (Nottingham Road).  |
| Christmas Lights                | Contributions towards the cost of the Christmas illuminations provided by the Borough Council.  |
| Civic Events                    | Management and funding for both the Remembrance Day Service and parades and the Annual Christmas Civic Service.   |
| Annual Arts Festival            | Contributions towards the cost of the programme of events.  |
| Planning Control                | Monitoring of all applications for development in the town.   |
| Representative Services         | Representation upon community groups by Town Councillors.   |
| Public Relations/Communications | - Annual Town Mayor's Awards  |

## Community Action

- Web page information;
- Quarterly newsletters;
- Town Council Surgeries;
- Press statements.

Town Councillor support to individual cases

- Review of all proposals for development
- Town Council representations upon community matters

## Contacting your Local Councillor

The Town Council comprises 15 Councillors all of whom were elected to office on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2003 for a four-year term. The Town Councillors are:

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| Cllr Peter Butler        | NORTH WARD<br>26 Brookhill Leys Road,<br>Eastwood NG16 3HZ<br>(Labour) | 01773 788214 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Hazel Charlesworth  | 10 Garden Road, Eastwood<br>NG16 3FW<br>(Liberal Democrat)             | 01773 763403 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Robert Charlesworth | 10 Garden Road, Eastwood<br>NG16 3FW<br>(Liberal Democrat)             | 01773 763403 (Home)                          |
| Cllr W Gregory (Bill)    | 24 Walker Street, Eastwood<br>NG16 3EQ (Labour)                        | 01773 713490 (Home)                          |
| Cllr David Bagshaw       | SOUTH WARD<br>5 Owlston Close, Eastwood<br>NG16 3GA (Labour)           | 01773 788648 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Susan Bagshaw       | 5 Owlston Close, Eastwood<br>NG16 3GA (Labour)                         | 01773 788648 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Wendy Binch         | 43 Hopkins Court, Eastwood<br>NG16 3AZ (Labour)                        | 077150 37090 (Mobile)                        |
| Cllr Hazel Braithwaite   | 7 Kings Drive, Brinsley<br>NG16 3GA (Labour)                           | 01773 761882 (Home)                          |
| Cllr James Kenny         | 8 Princes Street, Eastwood<br>NG16 3AS (Labour)                        | 01773 719938 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Kenneth Kenny       | 4 Victoria Street, Eastwood<br>NG16 3AW (Labour)                       | 07946 759436 (Mobile)                        |
| Cllr Donald Rowley (Don) | 10 Walters Avenue, Brinsley<br>NG16 5AS (Labour)                       | 01773 760680 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Marjorie Rowley     | 10 Walters Avenue, Brinsley<br>NG16 5AS (Labour)                       | 01773 760680 (Home)                          |
| Cllr Douglas Wilcockson  | 14 Dawson Close,<br>Newthorpe NG16 2ES<br>(Labour)                     | 01773 718848 (Home)<br>07761 832236 (Mobile) |
| Cllr Jeanette Wilson     | 9 Ash Grove, Brinsley<br>NG16 3DH (Labour)                             | 01773 776980 (Home)<br>07762 935063 (Mobile) |
| Cllr John Zalewski       | 42 Coach Drive, Eastwood<br>NG16 3DH (Labour)                          | 01773 718335 (Home)                          |

Cllrs **Peter Butler**, **William Gregory**, **Jim Kenny** and **Doug Wilcockson** are also Councillors on the Broxtowe Borough Council. Cllr **Milan Radulovic** of 4 Cross Street, Eastwood (Telephone 01773 789127) also represents Eastwood on the Borough Council. He is currently Leader of the Borough Council. Cllr **Ellie Lodziak** of 93 Church Street, Eastwood (Telephone 01773 785154) is our County Councillor and represents Eastwood on the Nottinghamshire County Council.