



Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour The Co-ordinated Approach

As is reported in the News / Information section, the Town Council is now pressing for the establishment of 'alcohol free' zones in Eastwood. This action however is only part of the many initiatives being carried out to combat crime and anti-social behaviour in Eastwood. The Council is working much closer to the local police force. Councillors and police constables now meet regularly and carry out 'patch walks' to establish areas to monitor and past incidents to bear in mind for the future. Evidence of drug/ alcohol misuse (discarded needles, spirit bottles and cans) will be collected and recorded. Residents will be consulted in order that action to control and reduce incidents can be more focused.

Clearly details of police activities and plans cannot be made public, but recent coordinated actions by groups of police are starting to have the desired effect we all hope for. Our whole objective is to create an environment where the risk of ordinary people suffering from the effects of crime is considerably reduced. We can achieve this if everyone in the community makes their own contribution to this work. If you know something is happening which is against the law, please, please, let either Crime Stoppers, the police or local councillors know. Be assured, your identity will not be publicised.

By working together we can make our Town a safer place to live – no one wants the alternative.

Cllr David Bagshaw
Deputy Leader of the Council

News & Information

Alcohol Free Zones

Members of the public are becoming rightly concerned at the growing incidents of anti-social behaviour from people under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Sadly, most of the incidents involve young people. The Town Council has therefore used new legislation to put in an application to the Borough Council for certain public areas to be legally declared 'alcohol free zones'. If the application is approved, it will become an offence for anyone to consume alcohol in these areas and the police will be empowered to take additional action against the culprits.

This measure in itself will not rectify the whole problem, but it is hoped however, that people will be able to walk through streets and public areas with less fear of intimidation, abuse or attacks by people under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Information upon the sites included in the application can be obtained from the Town Council offices.

Town Council Budget 2007 /08

The Town Council has now completed its annual review of expenditure levels and has determined how much to charge Eastwood Ratepayers for Town Council activities during 2007/08. The Government has published guidelines to local Councils upon assessing next years rates and these guidelines specify that budgets should not exceed 5% increase from the current year.

This limit has proved difficult to meet because a recreation facility on Coronation Park has had to be closed down and the income from hire charges is no longer received. The annual grant from the Borough Council continues to be 'frozen' to the level issued ten years ago and this represents a progressive reduction in income. Some increases in expenditure budgets are unavoidable (grounds maintenance, employees salaries, business rates, energy costs, insurance). In order to limit the effect on the rates, four budgets have been reduced and nineteen budgets are unchanged from the current year.

The final figures show an increase in rates for the 'average' ratepayer (Schedule D) of £1.90 per property for the year and this represents an increase of 4.8%, just within the Governments guidelines. The cost of Town Council services to the Schedule D ratepayer for 2007/08 will be £41.18 per property and this will be included in the total rates bill. Of course, this cost represents a very small portion of the total rate bill, the main costs being County Council services, Borough Council services and the County Police services.

MFN Nightclub site

Town Councillors were concerned to hear of a planning application to hold car boot sales on land adjacent to the MFN Nightclub on Long Lane. The site is beyond the Town Boundary but it was felt that the problem of traffic travelling to MFN through Eastwood would be made even worse if this activity took place. Accordingly, the Town Council asked Amber Valley Borough Council to refuse the application.

The Town Council has now heard that the application has been refused.

NET – Tram Service – Future Extension

Now that the Government has approved the next extension of the tram service to serve Clifton, Beeston and Chilwell, the question will shortly be considered ‘What next?’ for this very successful project.

Well, the Town Council is putting in another bid for an extension of the tram system from Phoenix Park right through to a new terminus in the vicinity of the Derby Road / Eastwood Bypass flyover island. The bid is for a line serving Nuthall, Kimberley, Giltbrook (inc Ikea), Newthorpe, Eastwood Central and Langley Mill. The request is that this proposal should, at least, be put on the list for serious consideration in the not too distant future. The idea was first proposed by Kimberley Town Council and was immediately supported by Eastwood. It is unlikely that this proposal can be considered for a number of years yet but seeds planted now can have a very beneficial effect for our future generations.

Garden Services 2006 – Final Report

At the Council's last meeting of the Leisure and Maintenance Committee, the Town Clerk gave the following final report upon the successful completion of this year's scheme.

Total number of approved applicants	72
Received first visit	72
Received second visit	71
Received third visit	61
Approved budget	£6,500
Final cost	£6,365

This service remains a very useful and popular activity to Eastwood's elderly and disabled residents. It is proposed to repeat this exercise in 2007.

Grants to Community Organisations – 2006

At the Town Council meeting in November 2006, grant cheques were presented to representatives of community groups in Eastwood. All the groups and organisations concerned give valuable services to the community and the money will go towards the costs in providing those services. Additionally the Town Council expressed the gratitude of Eastwood to the organisations representatives who received the cheques. Without their work and dedication, the very worthwhile activities would not take place.

Official Town Guide Published

The new Town Guide has now been officially published and circulated throughout the Town. The whole cost of printing has been met by the advertisers and the Town Council is most grateful for this support. It is hoped that another updated guide will be published in 2008. If you are interested in reserving advertising space do please let the Town Council offices know.

Thanks are also expressed to photographer and freelance press reporter Peter Jordan from Nuthall. Peter contributed excellent photographs of the Town's attractions for use in the guide. Finally, thanks are also due to the Eastwood Scouts for carrying out an exhausting service of distribution of the new guide. A few Town guides are still available. If you would like a free copy, contact the Town Council office.



Eastwood Town Centre Management Group Update

As many readers of this will have noticed, in the last edition, the Eastwood Town Centre Management Group newsletter was merged into the Eastwood Town Council Newsletter.

This has been a success as it has reduced publication costs for the Eastwood Town Centre Management Group and the Town Council and also helped to increase distribution numbers for the Eastwood Town Centre Management Group.

If businesses are interested in advertising in this magazine, which is distributed to over 500 businesses and households they should contact Eastwood Town Council on 01773 719384.

The last Eastwood Town Centre Management Group (ETCMG) meeting was on Thursday 30th November 2006. Here is an update on some of the items that were discussed:

The 2007/2008 Action Plan

The group discussed the action plan for 2007/2008, which is currently being drafted. The Action plan is split into 4 themes; promotion and marketing, environment and appearance, crime and disorder and group development.

Once the action plan is confirmed this will then structure the ETCMG agendas for the next financial year.

If you have any comments or ideas of things you would like to see improved in Eastwood Town Centre that you think can be incorporated into next years action plan or would like to see what was in last years action plan, then you should contact a member of the Economic Development Team at Broxtowe Borough Council on 0115 917 7777.

An example of something that was suggested that could be tackled this year was the guttering along a number of the properties along Nottingham Road, as an individual owner of a property, hiring a cherry picker to remove weeds and debris from guttering is very expensive, this may be why so many along Nottingham Road are falling into disrepair which causes a number of problems, especially with rain.

If the group could look into the possibility of working collectively with all of the businesses on Nottingham Road, the cost to each individual would be less and the appearance of Eastwood would be massively improved.

Ideas as simple as this can all be included in the action plan so if you have any ideas let us know.

Shop Watch

There have been a number of plans to re-launch shop watch in Eastwood, the ideas for this have not been finalised but it has been agreed that two of the Eastwood Town Centre Management Group Meetings a year will be specifically crime focused to incorporate a Shop Watch meeting. This will give businesses in the town the opportunity to raise any crime issues they have and give them the chance to speak to members of the Safer Communities Team within Broxtowe Borough Council, the CCTV coordinator for the Borough and also local police officers and PCSO's. It will

also be an opportunity to promote crime initiatives including Radio Link, Ringmaster and Crime and Security Grants that are available for businesses.

Giltbrook Park

Parlison properties have offered to attend a future Eastwood Town Centre Management Group meeting to inform them of the plans for the future of Giltbrook Retail Park. This date will be circulated with the future agendas for the ETCMG so if you would like to be added to the distribution of minutes and agendas for the meeting please contact a member of the Economic Development Team on 0115 917 77 77 or e-mail dpcd@broxtowe.gov.uk

Future meeting dates

The Eastwood Town Centre Management Group meetings take place on the last Thursday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November. They start at 6.00pm at Durban House Heritage Centre and all Eastwood Businesses are welcome to attend.



Neighbourhood Pride in Eastwood

Readers will recall the works undertaken last year to improve the verges around Lindley Street and Mill Road and the previous year on Queens Road South. These works were all delivered as part of Broxtowe Borough Councils Neighbourhood Pride initiative, which seeks to work with the community to improve the local environment.

This year The Buildings area was submitted as a candidate and the bid was successful in securing £50,000 from the Neighbourhood Pride budget. This has helped to draw in further funding resulting in a works to the value of £90,000 being undertaken in the area. Residents have been consulted and officers are working to engage the community by developing a residents association, producing a newsletter and organising community events.

A package of improvements, have been developed and residents will soon see improvements to car parks, lighting, planting and street furniture. A CCTV scheme is planned, as is the redesign of some open spaces in the area. In the longer term it is hoped that a major scheme to improve the Princes Street area will be developed, with help from partners such as Nottinghamshire County Council.

For further information please contact Steve Fisher at Broxtowe Borough Council on 0115 9173634



Being the new Area Commander for Broxtowe North, I take great pride in leading a team of dedicated Police Officers, Support Officers and Police Staff that make Eastwood a safer place to live.

I am please to say that the residents of Eastwood have never been safer from the threat of having their homes burgled, which seems to be plaguing the rest of the country at this time.

However, this does not mean that we are not pro-actively targeting members of our society that choice to commit crimes against your property. Through diligent work carried out by the Police, Partnership agencies and the Community we have gone a long way to address criminal activity in this area.

A problem that is affecting the community greatly and in turn the police working practices is that of the rise in the number of incidents of Anti Social Behaviour and Thefts from Motor Vehicles.

On the first point, Anti Social Behaviour can cause untold distress; pain and suffering to many within our community especially the more vulnerable members who feel more isolated at this time of year.

Your Local Policing Team and Partnership Group are tackling this problem head on, we are addressing the Licence Premises that are choosing to sell alcoholic drinks to juveniles, the parents who do not control their children as well as carrying out high visibility and plain clothes patrols around the areas of concern.

Auto Crime is something that we can address by working together, please avoid leaving valuables on display, be aware when placing items in the boot and then going shopping who could be watching and above all report all incidents as soon as possible so that we can capture these offenders.

The Christmas Message I give to you all is 'Please help us to help you and the community of Eastwood to make this a Happy Christmas for all'.

Eastwood Policing Teams are available 24hrs a day over the Holiday Period and will ensure that everyone has a Safe, Happy Christmas and New Year.

Eastwood Police Station – 0115-948 2999
Emergency Number - 999
Crime Stoppers – 0800-555111

John Lees
Local Area Commander

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 May 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

Services Provided by the Town Council

Recreation Grounds	Management and maintenance of Coronation Park 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 1st May 2003 for a four-year term. The Town Councillors are:

Cllr Peter Butler	NORTH WARD 26 Brookhill Leys Road, Eastwood NG16 3HZ (Labour)	01773 788214 (Home)
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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.