

# Edwinstowe Village

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## Welcome to the Summer 2021 edition of the **Edwinstowe Village News**

Welcome to the summer edition of your parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News." Let's all hope for a better summer after a long hard winter. It's encouraging to see our High Street opening up again as the lockdown ends and the vaccination programme gives people more confidence to get out and enjoy life in a more normal way. Inside you will find all the news to keep you up to date with what's happening in the village and if you didn't see the local results of the May elections, we've printed all the voting figures. We hope you enjoy the read and enjoy your summer!



# Edwinstowe COVID-19 Community Volunteer Group

Edwinstowe Community Volunteer group was set up in a time of crisis in response to the first lockdown in March 2020. The group's sole aim was to ensure that no resident was suddenly trapped at home without support and that everyone had somebody they could turn to for help.

We can all remember what a shock the first lockdown was and the impact it had on many of our older and more vulnerable residents who suddenly found themselves self-isolating and unable to perform essential tasks like shopping or collecting a prescription for themselves.

Our COVID-19 community scheme was initiated by a small group of Parish Councillors who put out a call for help and created a framework for support. Over 100 residents kindly stepped up to volunteer their time. A small group further agreed to become coordinators and have successfully managed this community scheme for the last 15 months. The success of the Edwinstowe Community Volunteer Scheme has been due to their incredible commitment and organisation and the willingness of our volunteers to help when needed. Edwinstowe's volunteer group has been a wonderful example of our residents working together to help each other and our scheme was considered a Gold Standard across the county and a model for others to follow.

Now, by June 2021 our community volunteers have provided over 250 acts of kindness for 107 households where residents needed help. Some residents have accessed help several times, some only once, but every one appreciated that help was there when they needed it and have asked me to pass on their thanks to our amazing, dedicated volunteers.

Thankfully, our older and vulnerable residents have been vaccinated and calls for help have now ended as residents have resumed their lives and independence. After 15 months, the group is no longer needed and will wind up on 30th June 2021.

A massive thank you from our village to everybody who has been involved with the volunteer scheme and to all our residents who have helped each other throughout the crisis. In line with legislation, all data collected through the scheme will be destroyed.

The pandemic isn't over yet and we still need to all take care, but we can be very proud of how our village responded in the emergency.

Food boxes: We continue to work with the Ollerton CAR project and food boxes are still available for residents in need, call 07754536530.

Thank you everyone. Article by - Cllr Karen Peck

## Edwinstowe Village Group's 2021

Group	Activity	Age Range	Meeting Days	Times	Venue	Contact Details
Baby Ballet - Tots	Baby Dance	6mth - 18mth	Monday	11:25-11:55	Church Rooms	<a href="mailto:nottinghamnorth@babyballet.co.uk">nottinghamnorth@babyballet.co.uk</a> 07711576968
Baby Ballet - Tinies	Baby Dance	18mth - 3yr	Monday	12:05-12:35 & 12:45-13:15	Church Rooms	<a href="mailto:nottinghamnorth@babyballet.co.uk">nottinghamnorth@babyballet.co.uk</a> 07711576968
Baby Ballet - Tappers & movers	Infant Dance	3yr and 4yr	Monday	13:25-14:10	Church Rooms	<a href="mailto:nottinghamnorth@babyballet.co.uk">nottinghamnorth@babyballet.co.uk</a> 07711576968
Artventures	Messy play	6months - 7yr	Saturday (monthly)	09:30-11:30	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:Stacey@artventurers.co.uk">Stacey@artventurers.co.uk</a> /07789460153
Little Oak Playgroup	Playgroup	Preschool	Tuesday & Friday	09:30-11:30	Village Hall	Facebook Messenger @ Little Oaks Playgroup
Irish Dance	Dance	3-18yr	Tuesday & Friday	16:30-17:30	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:odwyeracademy@aol.com">odwyeracademy@aol.com</a>
Rainbows	Girl Guiding	5-7yr	Monday	16:30-17:30	Forest hut	07739826375
Rainbows	Girl Guiding	5-7yr	Thursday	16:30-17:30	Forest hut	07807952867
Robin Hood Dramatics	Drama Club	5-13yr	Saturday	12:10-14:00	Church Rooms	<a href="mailto:robinhooddramatics@gmail.com">robinhooddramatics@gmail.com</a>
Beaver Scouts	Scouting (Boys & Girls)	6-8yr	Monday	17:00-18:00	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:suecocking@rocketmail.com">suecocking@rocketmail.com</a>
Brownies	Girl Guiding	7-10yr	Monday	17:45-19:00	Forest hut	07984254073
Brownies	Girl Guiding	7-10yr	Thursday	18:00-19:30	Forest hut	07855660972
Cub Scouts	Scouting (Boys & Girls)	8-10 ½ yr	Monday	18:00-19:30	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:suecocking@rocketmail.com">suecocking@rocketmail.com</a>
Guides	Girl Guiding	10-14 yr	Thursday	19:00-20:30	Church Rooms	07511363328
Scouts	Scouting (Boys & Girls)	10-14yr	Friday	19:00-21:00	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:suecocking@rocketmail.com">suecocking@rocketmail.com</a>
Edwinstowe Running Club	Exercise - all abilities	12yr plus/ Adults	Tuesday & Thursday	19:30-20:30	Outdoors	<a href="mailto:edwinstowerunningclub@gmail.com">edwinstowerunningclub@gmail.com</a> /07904947384
Explorer Scouts	Scouting (Boys & Girls)	14-18yr	Friday	19:00-21:00	Church Rooms	<a href="mailto:suecocking@rocketmail.com">suecocking@rocketmail.com</a>
Rika Bushcraft	Bushcraft activities	Children & Families	Various	Various	Blakeley lane campsite	<a href="mailto:clare@rikabushcraft.com">clare@rikabushcraft.com</a> /07904562665
Edwinstowe Leisure Painters	Painting/ Art	All ages	Monday	14:00-16:00	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:Grahamlaughton50@gmail.com">Grahamlaughton50@gmail.com</a> 07999528397
Spotlight Studios	Dance	All ages	Various	Various	Spotlight studio	<a href="mailto:spotlight-studios@hotmail.co.uk">spotlight-studios@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Good Neighbour	Social	All ages	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Church Rooms	Facebook Messenger @ Good Neighbour
Sunflower Wellbeing	Wellbeing Workshops	All ages	Various	Various	Outside the Cave	<a href="mailto:Contact@sunflowerwellbeing.org">Contact@sunflowerwellbeing.org</a>
Keep Fit	Exercise -all abilities	Adult	Monday	09:30-10:30	Village Hall	07801695782
Pilates	Exercise -all abilities	Adult	Monday	10:45-11:45	Village Hall	07801695782
Merry Women WI	Social	Adult	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	19:00-21:00	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:edwinstowemerrywomen@gmail.com">edwinstowemerrywomen@gmail.com</a>
Irish Dance Exercise	Exercise	Adult	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	18:30-19:30	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:odwyeracademy@aol.com">odwyeracademy@aol.com</a>
Craft & Chat	Craft / Hobbies	Adults	Wednesday	10:30-12:30	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:Jennifer568@btinternet.com">Jennifer568@btinternet.com</a> /07762476901
Dancespiration Fitness	Exercise	Adults (35yr plus)	Thursday Friday	19:30-20:30 14:00-15:00	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:info@dancespirationfitnessmarketing.co.uk">info@dancespirationfitnessmarketing.co.uk</a> 07484177438
Dawns Inspirations	Craft / Scrapbooking	Adults	Last Sunday & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	10:00-13:00	Village Hall	<a href="http://dawn@dawnsinspirations.com">dawn@dawnsinspirations.com</a> /07895049466
Freestyle Thursday Craft Club	Craft/ Hobbies	Adults	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	10:00-15:00	Village Hall	<a href="http://dawn@dawnsinspirations.com">dawn@dawnsinspirations.com</a> /07895049466
Sporty B Fitness & Exercise	Circuits/ Padwork	Adults	Monday	18:00-19:00	Outside the Cave	<a href="mailto:sportyfitness@gmail.com">sportyfitness@gmail.com</a>
Crochet Class	Craft / Hobbies	Adults	Tuesday Friday	18:00-20:00 11:00-12:30	Outside the Cave	<a href="mailto:madebytortyb@gmail.com">madebytortyb@gmail.com</a>
Kettlebell Class	Exercise	Adults	Thursday	18:00-19:00	Outside the Cave	<a href="mailto:sportyfitness@gmail.com">sportyfitness@gmail.com</a>
Working Age Dementia Group	Social	Adults	Wednesday	13:00-15:00	Outside the Cave	TBC
Yoga	Exercise	Adults	Various	Various	Outside the Cave	TBC

## Edwinstowe Village News is ten years old!

This is the thirtieth edition of the parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News" and the tenth anniversary year. It all started in 2011 when the Parish Council decided it would be a good idea to start a parish magazine to keep residents up to date with what their Parish council was doing on their behalf, also to share local news, give village community and sporting groups the opportunity to promote their activities and local traders to advertise. I've had the pleasure of editing the magazine since the beginning with the help of the Parish Council staff. The magazine is delivered to every household and much of the printing cost is supported by advertising. We're looking forward to the next ten years and continuing to promote everything which happens in our great community. We've appreciated all the positive and helpful comments from residents over the years and we're always pleased to hear from readers. We do hope you enjoy this 30th edition.

John Peck (Editor)

## Articles in the first edition of Edwinstowe Village News in 2011

In the tenth anniversary year of "Edwinstowe Village news" it's interesting to look back at the first edition to see what was happening in the village back then.

On the front page, there's an article headed "the new clock: a fitting tribute to John Faben." This is the clock on the High Street which sits proudly on the wall of John Faben's former shop.

The clock was unveiled in a ceremony attended by friends and family, after John's daughter, Jill Sansom, had raised funds to install the clock as a permanent memorial to John who had been a much respected and well known trader and former councillor.

Another article broke the news that the Olympic Torch would be passing through Edwinstowe on 28th June 2012 and many residents will remember that exciting day.

There was an article headed "Edwinstowe Fire Station Campaign." The Nottinghamshire Fire Authority had announced a proposal to close Edwinstowe Fire station. A campaign by Parish and the then District Councillors John Peck and Celia Brooks, also local firefighters and a petition signed by many residents, persuaded the Fire Authority to change its mind and our fire station was saved from closure.

There were articles from the newly appointed vicar, the scouts, the girl guides, the schools and many of the community and sporting groups. Most of the groups are still with us and we hope will continue to thrive. Mansfield Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) named the Forest Lodge as their Nottinghamshire Pub of the Year.

Much has happened in the ten years since that first magazine and some wondered whether it would last very long. But we're still here and bringing you all the news about our very special village.

## Two new Parish Councillors

Two new Parish Councillors have joined the Parish Council to fill two vacancies.

Clive Parkin was co-opted to fill one of the vacancies after a vote by councillors. No election was called by residents before the due closing date, in which case parish councils have the power to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy.

Linda George was elected to fill the other vacancy after winning a by election held on 6th May. Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said, "we welcome Clive and Linda to the council.

They will be joining a very dedicated, hard working team of volunteers who give a great deal of time to looking after the village and representing residents. I know both Clive and Linda will bring their enthusiasm and skills to the council and we look forward to working with them for the benefit of Edwinstowe."

## New van for the Parish Council

The Parish Council van is a familiar sight to residents as the amenity staff go around the village carrying out their essential duties looking after the village.

Unfortunately, after many years faithful service, the van finally wheezed to a halt and had to be taken to its final resting place at the scrap yard. Chairman of the finance committee, John Peck said, "The council decided to lease a brand new van which should be much cheaper to run without the constant big repair bills.

The van is essential for our staff to be able to get around the village, emptying litter bins, looking after the park and play areas and carrying out the many everyday maintenance tasks necessary to keep Edwinstowe looking at its best. Residents may not have noticed the new van yet, but once the Parish Council logo and name are on the sides, it will be a familiar sight again."



## New Village Gateway Signs

Readers may remember the magazine reporting some time ago that the Parish Council had received a Local Improvement Scheme grant from Nottinghamshire County Council to install new gateway signs at the entrances to the village on Ollerton Road, Mansfield Road, Rufford Road and Swinecote Road.

The signs will be very attractive, similar to signs at the entrances to many villages in the county and will indicate the name of the village under our well known village logo which pictures Maid Marion and Robin Hood. Chair of the Parish Council, Cll. Celia Brooks said, "We are very grateful to the County Council for assisting the Parish Council with this project through their LIS grant funding scheme to help improve local communities. The signs will serve as an attractive feature to four of the entrances to the village and indicate to our many visitors that Edwinstowe is the "home of Robin Hood."

The Parish Council is always trying to find ways to make our lovely village even more attractive to residents and visitors."



## Parish Council to improve the High Street floral displays

The Parish Council has received a £7000 grant to help them to carry out further improvements to the High Street.

It is intended to install more planters at various locations to create additional floral displays. Chair of the Parish Council said, "We very much welcome the government funding which is our share of money distributed to towns and parishes to enable us to help attract people to our High Street and assist our local businesses as we gradually come out of what we hope has been the worst of the pandemic.

The Parish Council will install additional floral planters and replace a broken seat to make our High Street even more attractive for residents and visitors.

We make a big effort every year, working with local traders, putting on a floral display with hanging baskets and planters. We will now be able to make our brilliant High Street look even better."

## Village Hall Toilets refurbished with help from a County Council grant

The Village Hall is very well used by a range of clubs and community groups. Obviously they haven't been able to use the hall for some time but as the groups start up again, they will find some very smartly refurbished toilet facilities.

The Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee worked together to raise the money to pay for the project which was funded partly through grants received from housing development in the village and £13000 from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Grant community award scheme.

John Scaysbrook on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee said, "the toilet facilities were very old and tired looking. They badly needed updating. We are very pleased with the outcome and we are sure the new facilities will be welcomed by all the users of the hall. We are very grateful for the Local Improvement Grant award from Nottinghamshire County Council which was a big help in enabling us to carry out this essential project."

The Village Hall is owned by the Parish Council, which has its office in the building. The day to day running and looking after the hall is carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers on the Village Hall Management Committee.

## Result of elections held on Thursday 6th May

Whilst the elections were held several weeks ago, for anyone who missed the results and is interested in the voting figures, they are as follows:

### Edwinstowe Parish Council by-election

<b>Linda George (Labour)</b> .....	<b>865</b> elected
<b>Nigel Booth (Conservative)</b> .....	<b>826</b> not elected
<b>Julie Tasker (Freedom Alliance. No lockdowns. No curfews)</b> .....	<b>27</b> not elected

### Nottinghamshire County Council election

<b>Scott Carlton (Conservative)</b> .....	<b>1842</b> elected
<b>Paul Peacock (Labour)</b> .....	<b>1348</b> not elected
<b>Steve Morris (Green Party)</b> .....	<b>144</b> not elected
<b>Julie Tasker (Freedom Alliance. No lockdowns. No curfews)</b> .....	<b>43</b> not elected

### Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

<b>Caroline Henry (Conservative)</b> .....	<b>138658</b> elected
<b>Paddy Tipping (Labour)</b> .....	<b>131302</b> not elected
<b>David Watts (Liberal Democrat)</b> .....	<b>23794</b> not elected

Therefore the Parish Council welcomes a new Parish Councillor, Linda George and a new County Councillor, Scott Carlton. Scott replaces former County Councillor John Peck who retired. Caroline Henry replaces Paddy Tipping as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire. Overall, the Conservatives retain control of the County Council for the next four years.

### Support Edwinstowe's High Street!

It's been good to see our High Street opening up again as the lockdown has ended and the vaccination programme gives people more confidence to get back to something approaching a more normal life. It's been a tough time for everyone everywhere. We know the pandemic has brought about many changes, one of which seems to be shopping habits. There has been a growth in online shopping, while at the same time many familiar names on the High Streets in towns and cities have disappeared, leaving many empty shops. However, whilst there has been a big increase in online shopping, it does seem that more people are also shopping locally. If this is a long term trend, it could benefit Edwinstowe's High Street with its many independent traders, cafes, restaurants and pubs.

The Parish Council has for many years, put a lot of effort into making our High Street a more attractive place: painting street furniture, providing hanging baskets and planters with floral displays and making sure the litter is picked up every day. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "Edwinstowe's High Street is very important to us as are the other businesses in the village. The Parish Council will continue to play its part putting on the floral displays, keeping everywhere clean and tidy and making sure the High Street remains an attractive place for residents and visitors to shop. We hope as life gets back to normal, residents will continue support our High Street, shop locally as much as possible and enjoy everything our very attractive High Street has to offer."

### Dog owners who throw the poo bags in hedges- please stop!

One of our Parish Councillors, Karen Peck was recently out with the volunteer litter picking group. They were on the footpath which starts at the end of Boy Lane. She was appalled by the number of poo bags the group found along the route, which the volunteers had to pick out of the hedges and trees.

Karen said, "we counted 42 poo bags we collected. It really is horrible. It's a dreadful kind of litter which is spoiling our countryside and spoiling it for people who want to take a pleasant walk. The plastic bag doesn't break down so the bags just stay there for years unless volunteers like us take the trouble to deal with the problem. Most dog owners are very responsible and many have told me how annoyed it makes them, because they feel it gives dog owners a bad name. I just don't get why people are taking the trouble to bag it up to then just throw it in the hedge."

So, if any of the culprits are reading this article, please bag it and bin it! The Parish Council, in other words village council tax payers through the parish precept, pay nearly £2000 each year for the dog bins around the village to be emptied. In addition, there are the many ordinary litter bins which can also be used for disposing properly tied poo bags.

There is no excuse not to find a bin somewhere during the walk - or just take the bag home to dispose of it!

We can all play our part in keeping our beautiful country side litter free.



Sherwood Grange is surrounded by extensive grounds and patio areas with a range of tables and chairs where residents may sit out in the warm weather. The perimeter to the garden areas is enclosed allowing those residents who suffer from Dementia to be able to wander outside safely.

The main entrance to the Home opens into a small foyer. The corridors have grab rails fitted to assist residents and are generally of a good width allowing unimpeded wheelchair access. The combination of carpeting, wall lighting and pictures help to give a homely atmosphere to the building.

Top quality food is prepared on the premises under the careful supervision of our head Chef. Fresh local produce is delivered daily. Service users can choose their meals from our varied and tempting menus which are distributed daily to ensure individual choices can be met. All tastes and special dietary requirements are easily catered for. Visitors are welcome to join relatives for a meal or snack.

Bedrooms have been tastefully decorated Residents may wish to choose their own décor or partially furnish their bedroom with their own belongings. This is both welcomed and encouraged to enhance the informal and home-like atmosphere of the home whilst promoting familiarity and belonging. All bedrooms and en suites are fitted with a call aid system.

The home is equipped with a Fire Alarm System and all staff receives regular fire awareness training and fire drills are carried out weekly. "Monitored Dosage System" has been recently employed to safeguard best practice in relation to the storage and administration of medication.



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Sherwood Grange Care Centre, Mansfield Road,  
Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG21 9HF

CQC inspection area ratings  
(Latest report published on 24 September 2019)

Safe	Good ●
Effective	Good ●
Caring	Good ●
Responsive	Good ●
Well-led	Good ●

Telephone: 01623 824054 . Email: [manager@sherwoodgrange.co.uk](mailto:manager@sherwoodgrange.co.uk)

Sherwood Grange Care Centre is registered with the Nottinghamshire Health Authority and Social Services



The Community Point in Newark and Sherwood is a place where victims of crime can get high quality help from the trusted confidential services of Citizens Advice.

We also have a partner Community Point in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire run by Citizens Advice Eastwood.

We will help victims gain the confidence to report crimes, recover and in some cases seek restorative justice. In doing so we will encourage victims to accept a referral to Nottinghamshire Victim Care.

We accept self-referrals or take referrals from our network of partners. Our staff and volunteers are specifically trained to identify clients who are victims of crime and present to our office for help with problems directly or indirectly related to the crime.

We will facilitate the referral of victims to Victim Care services and also other organisations that can assist victims of crime including Nottinghamshire Mind, debt, housing and benefit support services, local solicitors and assist client access help from healthcare providers, Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership and support them to report the crime to the police.

Anyone requiring advice or support can get help online at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or from Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark on

**Local number: 01623 861769 or email [advice@sn-ca.org.uk](mailto:advice@sn-ca.org.uk)**  
**National Telephone Advice Line: 0800 144 8848 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)**  
**Or Call Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on: 0808 223 1133**  
Or see us at Twitter: @ShwdNwkCAB

**For more information contact: Jackie Insley Tel: 01623 861769**

**We give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem.**

- Citizens Advice is made up of the national charity Citizens Advice; the network of independent local Citizens Advice charities across England and Wales; the Citizens Advice consumer service; and the Witness Service.
- Our network of charities offers impartial advice online, over the phone, and in person, for free.
- Citizens Advice is the largest provider of free, multi-channel debt advice. Providing that help gives Citizens Advice unique insight into the types of debts people struggle with.
- Contact us on **01623 861769**



# Council provides grants to improve home heating

Newark and Sherwood District Council has continued grant funding available to help local residents on low incomes to repair or replace inadequate heating systems.

If you or someone you know is on a low income and suffering with a long term health condition made worse by living in a cold home, the council may be able to help thanks to the Warm Homes on Prescription scheme.

In the last financial year, Newark and Sherwood District Council supported over 150 residents (private home owners and those in private rented accommodation) to make their homes warmer, potentially avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions due to cold-related illnesses.

A Newark and Sherwood resident who recently benefitted from the scheme said:

“As I’ve got older I was finding it more and more difficult to manage my solid fuel heating. I can’t get down to clean out the ashes and I’m not strong enough to carry the buckets of coal any more. I hadn’t got enough savings to fit a new gas central heating system but I was worried about relying on family and friends to keep my fire going. My neighbour said help might be available through the Council so I asked her to call them for me because my hearing isn’t so good. They were great and sorted everything out for me and I didn’t have to pay a penny. I’ve now got a brand new gas central heating system which can be set to come on automatically. It keeps me lovely and warm without any of the hassle of solid fuel!”

If you would like to know more about the Warm Homes on Prescription scheme, contact Newark & Sherwood District Council on 01636 650000.

Alternatively email [winterwarmth@nsdc.info](mailto:winterwarmth@nsdc.info) with your details or fill in the online application form on the Newark and Sherwood District Council website.



# The Dukeries Singers

We are hopefully very close to re-starting rehearsals. Just what that will look like is still to be decided but we know choir members are counting down the days.

It is a really good time to join us for the first time if you’ve ever thought of singing with a choir.

Joining a new group where you may not know anyone is a big step, especially because many of us have spent a lot more time at home in the last year. So, if nerves are all that are holding you back, here are some FAQs about joining The Dukeries Singers.

## 1. Will I need to audition?

*No. You don’t need to be pitch perfect just have a reasonable ability to hold a tune.*

## 2. How much will it cost?

*The first two weeks will be free while you decide if you want to join. After that it will be £28 per term.*

## 3. I don’t know anyone. Will people be friendly?

*Once we know you are coming, we will meet you outside the rehearsal room and make sure you are seated with some friendly faces who will look after you throughout. The choir is a very friendly group and new members quickly become friends.*

## 4. Will I have to sing solo?

*Not unless you want to!*

## 5. What if I cannot read music?

*We have several choir members who can’t read music. When we learn a new song our Musical Director goes through each part so everyone can learn.*

## 6. Is performing in concerts nerve wracking?

*We are a good-sized choir so it’s very easy to blend in if you feel nervous. Any little mistakes are very easily covered. Your confidence will grow with time.*

## 7. Where and when do you rehearse?

*We rehearse 7.30 – 9.00pm on a Wednesday at The Dukeries Academy, Ollerton.*

## 8. How do I go about joining?

*You can phone our bookings secretary Margaret 01623 642464 or 07896491314 or email us on [thedukeriessingers@gmail.com](mailto:thedukeriessingers@gmail.com)*

We are also on Facebook and YouTube if you want to check us out.



# Major Oak Pop Choir

Edwinstowe's Major Oak Pop Choir have, like many other choirs, been meeting and rehearsing via Zoom for the duration of the pandemic. Amongst other things, this has seriously limited their ability to raise money for local good causes, which has always been the aim of their popular concerts which usually take place in and around Nottinghamshire. However, recently they joined forces with 'Our Dementia Choir', Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust and Dementia Friendly Mid Notts to record a virtual concert for 'Dementia Action Week 2021'.

Carol Hallam, who is a member of the Major Oak Pop Choir and an Edwinstowe resident herself, helped to co-ordinate this collaboration, which brought together the two choirs to raise awareness of dementia and to raise funds to support much needed activities and therapy for people living with dementia and their carers. Funds raised through the collaboration will be divided 50:50 between Dementia Friendly Mid Notts (Covering Ashfield, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood) and 'Our Dementia Choir'. Bafta-winning actor Vicky McClure helped to set up 'Our Dementia Choir' through the BBC series that recorded a deeply personal journey to discover the true extent of music's power in the fight against dementia.

You can watch the video by visiting the Major Oak Pop Choir website [www.majoroakmusic.co.uk](http://www.majoroakmusic.co.uk) or by visiting their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/majoroakmusicchoir>

If you are able, we hope you can help us achieve our target of £1000 for this worthy cause, and we would be extremely grateful to receive your donations, no matter how small.

To do so, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/supportdementiasinging>



## Edwinstowe Merry Women WI.

At the time of writing (mid-May) Edwinstowe Merry Women WI are preparing to resume face-to-face meetings. We last met in person in February 2020 but have tried to maintain a virtual programme and we did get to have a socially distanced picnic last summer. Members have been fantastic and supported our WI despite not being able to enjoy normal meetings. We now have lots to look forward to in the coming year and members will enjoy lots of extras to make up for everything we missed. We also have a craft club, 'Crafternoon' on the first Saturday of the month at the Village Hall from 1pm – 3pm. Open to anyone who enjoys crafting; just come along. Below is a small selection of upcoming meetings.

20th July - It is our first meeting back together so let's celebrate with canapes and bubbles. Meeting outside Edwinstowe Cricket Club.

16th November – Crafting. Try your hand at pyrography and take home a lovely gift for yourself or a loved one.

14th December (2nd Tues) – It's Christmas! We're celebrating with a fully catered evening for members. There will be gifts, games, fun and maybe a cocktail or two.

Membership is open to all ladies from Edwinstowe and surrounding areas. Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.45pm. Membership for 2021/22 is £24. We welcome guest visits at most meetings charged at £5 each. Come along and see what we have to offer!

Email: [edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com](mailto:edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com) with any questions. Facebook: Edwinstowe Merry Women WI

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# Oak Tree History

Hello, I just wondered if this might interest you. One of the oak trees in the cemetery has a history that you might not know. In 1993 the Edwinstowe parish council gave us permission to plant a sapling in what was then the new cemetery. My eldest son, Richard, had grown this sapling from an acorn and it had grown and thrived really well. Consequently we hadn't the heart to just throw it out. I asked if it could be planted in Sherwood itself but it wasn't a Sherwood acorn so couldn't be accepted. However, we could plant it right next to Sherwood in the cemetery, where it was given its own plot of grass to grow in.

It was a lovely day, including the local press being there to photograph the event ! We have visited many times since then, particularly while the tree was still so small, watered it, measured and photographed it. I kept a diary too. The tree was vandalised in 1996 and we feared the worst but Mother Nature and the gardener helped one of the side branches become a new leader and the tree then grew upwards again. Our latest visit was June 4th 2021 and the tree must be over 25 feet high now with a wonderful canopy above. It's been quite amazing watching our tree grow and I thought that I would share this with you as the council members will have changed over the years.

Modern times has asked people to join projects to plant trees for our future. I hope we can say that we are part of it but planted ours a bit earlier !  
Mary Andrews.



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# Thoresby Colliery Cricket Club

The 2021 season has begun with Covid restrictions being eased giving the opportunity to have a more normal fuller experience.

Once again the club runs 3 Saturday teams in the Bassetlaw League with the 1st X1 in the Championship, 2nds in Div2 and 3rds in Div5. All have made an impressive start particularly important for the 1st X1 who are pushing this season to gain promotion to the Notts Premier League. Also as holders they are defending their title in the Bassetlaw T20 competition.

The Sunday X1 participate in the Mansfield Sunday League Premier Division and the midweek side in the top section of the Newark Midweek League.

The Junior section have been in training since early April and they are now beginning their fixtures with the U13's playing on Mondays, the U11's on Tuesdays and U15's on Wednesday evenings. The Kwik Cricket Squad have also been practicing hard since April in preparation for their programme of games commencing 27th June.

The club always welcome new members who can take advantage of all the hospitality that our comfortable clubhouse has to offer which is now fully open with restrictions now eased. Membership is free as is all training facilities.

All enquires to:

Martin Cheshire Club Secretary mob no. 07896 742669

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# The Thoresby Colliery

## Lord Field Marshal Montgomery's visit to Thoresby Colliery in October 1947

A regular reader of our magazine, Mr Don Sharpe has sent in a photo of the day Lord Field Marshal Montgomery (often known as Monty) visited Thoresby Colliery during October 1947. Montgomery was a distinguished leader of the Allied Forces during the Second World War and was sent to visit Nottinghamshire collieries because of their outstanding effort in maintaining coal production during the war.

Don also sent the following information to accompany the photo: "It might be of interest to readers to know that my father, who was in his 20s is clearly shown in the bottom right hand corner of the photo. His brothers also worked at the mine along with my father who was always referred to as "Albert" although his real name was Frank Sharpe. As a young man out of school in Ollerton, Dad started work with the Bolsover Colliery Company as a decorators' assistant at Ollerton Colliery (then being built and shaft sunk). The main decorator was Albert Sharpe-no relation- hence my father became known as "young Albert" upon his transfer to Thoresby to work with the pit ponies. My Dad, who was not a tall man, had worked with horses on the farm at Ompton and was just the man (or young teenager) for the job! He never worked on the coal face, remaining with the horses and then driving diesel engines all his working life. He retired after 50 years underground on the rails so to speak!"

Our thanks to Don for this little bit of personal and Edwinstowe's mining history. A Google search of Thoresby Colliery will give interested readers much more information about the history of the mine from Edwinstowe Historical Society. Wikipedia has a detailed section about the life of Field Marshal Montgomery



Monty on the steps of the canteen giving a talk about the importance of coal as a big part of the war effort.

# Woodhead Homes named best in the UK

Woodhead Homes have been named as the National Federation of Builders (NFB) UK House Builder of the Year (delivering under 35 units per year).

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Leo Woodhead, Director, said:

“Being shortlisted against national competition is an achievement in itself. The win signifies the huge amount of effort and visionary thinking that has gone into Rufford Pastures. It recognises our unique design ethos and that there is an appetite to improve new build housing through exceptional design.”

The team at Rufford Pastures have created what is a truly different development to others, tackling the normal conventions of new build housing. The homes are genuinely flexible and spacious with generous ceiling heights, design flair such as double height voids and beautiful areas of glazing, connecting the inside to the outside.

Leo continued, “we have been overwhelmed by the flurry of demand as people re-evaluate what is important to them in a home. Be that space for home working, a generously sized home, a bustling local high street with independent shops, a rural surrounding with great walks, bike riding trails or simply the chance to connect with nature at Sherwood Forest.”

The homes have been designed by Joseph Kemish Architects who have demonstrated that with careful integration of architecture and landscape an exciting and very personal development can be created which encourages social interaction, a sense of belonging and pride of place.

The flurry of demand has in part been spurred on by the Stamp Duty holiday, providing buyers with savings of up to £8,000. The team are now down to their final few homes and expect to sell out very quickly following the news of their second award.

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# History on the Village Hall

Our Village Hall was the St Mary's School. It was built in 1845 and paid for by Earl Manvers. It was a small Infant's school and over the years was extended and modified until 1969 when a new school was built on Paddock Close and the old school was going to be pulled down as a site for bungalows.

In 1971 the King Edwin School was found to be overcrowded and for 3 years the 1st year juniors (aged 7) came to the annex. It had the original hall and two classrooms and to the side was the old playground and toilets.

Meals were delivered in metal containers and dinner ladies set up the hall and cleared away afterwards.

It closed again in 1974 and once again was going to be pulled down. This never happened and it remained empty for 10 years until the Parish Council moved their office in and in 1984 the Village Hall was opened. The building was owned by Newark and Sherwood District Council who set up a Management Committee to run the Hall. This comprised of a representative from village organisations, two Parish Councillors and six village Parishioners. This committee hires out the hall to raise money for the upkeep and maintenance of the hall.

When N&SDC decided to lease the halls out the Parish Council leased it and asked the Management Committee to continue to run it.

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from Elsie Cowley



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## Sherwood Forest Rotary Club

Having found ourselves in the same situation as other clubs and societies we have existed throughout the last year through the magic of internet. We have still manage to support the community in a number of ways but have not been able to host our usual fundraising events.

The next Rotary year commences on 7th July when outgoing President Malcolm Bevan will hand over the reins to incoming President Dave Dennis. Dates have been set for some events this year such as our Charity Golf Day on 15th September at Rufford Golf and Country Club and our Rotary Proms Night on 13th November. We hope that you will be able to support us at one, if not both, of these occasions.

One event which has continued throughout the year has been our "1220 Bike Challenge" in aid of Prostate Cancer. To find out more and to donate go to our Facebook page Sherwood Forest Rotary 1220 Bike Challenge. Over £2000 has been raised so far.

The Club would like to become more involved with activities in Edwinstowe and so hope that anyone from the village who would be interested in joining the club will contact us for further information.

If you would like to find out more about what we do and how we achieve our goals please using the contact information below to express an interest.

You can join us for a meeting (internet or otherwise) to find out more email: [sherwoodforestrotary@yahoo.com](mailto:sherwoodforestrotary@yahoo.com)



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## Edwinstowe Library News

We are delighted to have reopened Nottinghamshire County Libraries and Archives following national lockdown. With the priority on staff and customer safety, measures currently include limited capacity in buildings, additional cleaning routines, social distancing and quarantine arrangements for books. Face coverings for staff and customers continue to be mandatory, unless exempt.

In addition to borrowing books you might like to join us and take part in the Innocent Big Knit and help raise money for Age UK by knitting or crocheting a mini Robin Hood hat. Full details and patterns are available to download from our website ([inspireculture.org.uk/knit](http://inspireculture.org.uk/knit)), or you could pop in to your local library and while stocks last, take a pattern home with you. Hats donated by 1 July 2021 will take part in the Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge Exhibition and you can see all the wonderful woolliness together from Tuesday 20 July to Saturday 25 September at Edwinstowe Library.

Finally, we're really looking forward to summer when the annual Summer Reading Challenge will be back in libraries. Developed in partnership with World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, Wild World Heroes will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. So do keep a look out on our website or visit your local library for more details in the weeks to come!

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# Thoresby Sporting Trust - The Mallen T20 Champions 2020

Formed after the closure of Thoresby Colliery Welfare the Trust continues to provide sports facilities for the local community on its Fourth Ave Sports Ground.

Football and cricket are the main activities supported at present but in the past we have been home to Rounders and Mini football.

Thoresby Colliery Cricket Club in particular have been very successful in building an extensive organisation consisting of 5 senior and 4 junior teams.

With its close proximity to King Edwin Primary School the Trust has built a relationship offering the school the use of its facilities including its carpark for that hectic school drop off and pick up.

With Covid restrictions easing the clubhouse is now fully functional and its hospitality offers a selection of draft lagers, beers and ciders. The newly extended patio area is a great position to sit, have a drink and enjoy the games either competitive or the juniors going through their paces on Friday evening training. Family and dog friendly.



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## Village Hall Refurbed and Reopened!

It's been quite a year for the entire world, with so much uncertainty. One small piece of stability in these worrying times has been our Village Hall. It was so sad to see it sit so empty over the lockdowns but we have come bouncing back following a refurb over the last few months.

The Hall has had the following renovations/ updates since the first Lockdown:-

- New LED lighting
- New flooring in the kitchen
- New flooring in the store room
- Upgraded cupboards in a store room
- Garden upgrade with new activities for the children
- Canopy fitted with extra foliage
- Kitchen has been decorated



However the biggest and most needed change has been to the hall toilets! We have finally been able to obtain enough funding from grants and additional funds from Nottinghamshire County Council to not only update but totally refit both toilets.

This piece of work has been something both the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council have been working towards for many years. It was only fitting that long serving committee member and previous chair of the committee Pat Bamford did the honours and cut the gold ribbon to officially open our new toilets on Saturday 15th May.

The Hall will reopen on 17th May and the Committee are welcoming back many, but not all of its 19 regular groups. We can't wait to host all of our groups again once further restrictions lift and also support with hosting much missed Saturday Coffee mornings for local charities.

The hall is also now available again for party bookings which are being taken for bookings 21st June 2021. Please contact John Scaysbrook (Committee Chair) if you would like to book the venue [edwinstowevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:edwinstowevillagehall@gmail.com).

2020 summer raffle- This event was obviously delayed and has been rescheduled for Saturday 31st July 2021. All previous sold tickets are still valid and more are available to purchase. The prizes include 32 inch TV, Centre Parcs day pass, 1 jump voucher and a large number of various vouchers for local businesses. All monies raised will be being split between the Village Hall and St. Marys Church. Tickets can be purchased from a Village Hall committee member or the Village Xchange charity shop.

It certainly has been a challenging time managing the Village Hall over the last 12 months however it remains a privilege to continue as the chair of the committee, we look forward to working with the Parish Council to keep this vital building running for as long as possible into the future.

John Scaysbrook - Chair Edwinstowe Village Hall Management Committee

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# Edwinstowe War Memorial refreshed

You will all be aware that the War memorial in our village is right at the heart of the village, where it is seen and admired by everyone we speak to. Our EPC staff do a great job keeping the hedges and grass in very good order. However, keeping the actual memorial and the pathway clean has been a problem for a long time. I am afraid that this is the price we pay for the memorial being very close to the cross-roads of High Street and Mansfield Road. There is also a lot of residue that stains the granite for the constant passing of diesel vehicles. Every year as we approach Remembrance Sunday, a couple of us try to scrub away some of the algae and dirt that eats in to the granite and stonework, but that never makes a huge difference.

We recently spoke with the Victoria Cross Trust about the best solution for cleaning our memorial. The Victoria Cross Trust is a charitable organisation that works tirelessly to ensure the memory and graves of every Victoria Cross recipient are remembered and maintained for generations to come. We discovered that the Trust was cleaning two graves of VC holders in the local area – one in Oxton and another in Warsop – and they kindly offered to take a look at our memorial with a view to giving it a clean.

The VC Trust visited the village on 1st July and spent several hours giving the original memorial, the surrounding stonework and the pathway and steps a good professional clean. The result is quite astonishing! We now have a memorial, set in a well-kept small garden that is on public view and something we can all be proud of.

Before Cleaning



The Edwinstowe RBL are very grateful to the Victoria Cross Trust for their hard work and dedication to maintaining the memories of our brave war dead.

We hope that you will all have an early opportunity to stop and take a look at this landmark in the middle of our village. Like us, you probably would not think that the memorial is over 100 years old when you look at it now.

Phil Jones

Edwinstowe RBL

After Cleaning



# Edwinstowe Handbell Ringers

Edwinstowe Handbell Ringers meet every Sunday at 6:30pm. Any age can join in all you need to know is how to count to eight! We play lots of different pieces from Christmas carols and traditional hymns to pop songs. We each pay a £1 contribution every week which goes towards the maintenance and purchase of the bells. We have performed at various events usually around Christmas and have lots of fun! Anyone is welcome to come along and join in, please contact John Ottaway on 07702043295.



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# Robin Hood Colts Article

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Sponsorship – every year we look for sponsors to help with kit and equipment for our teams. This year we have secured sponsorship from a few companies including Forest Holidays, thank you. In return we can offer advertising on the shirts as well as at our ground.

If you can help, please contact sarahbetts41@btinternet.com.  
Thank you

# Hospice Support Group

Well here we are firmly into 2021 and looking forward to the continuation of fund raising events. Such events have been rare recently but, following an invitation from the RSPB, we restarted by holding a stall at The Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre on Sunday 30th May.

As you know the group fund raises for The John Eastwood Hospice at Sutton so it was pleasing to be invited to visit the hospice on 9th June.

We were given a tour of the latest refurbishments which we have helped to fund and which continue to maintain first class palliative care for those with terminal illness. As a bonus we enjoyed some lovely refreshments.

Our Coffee Mornings are returning to The Village Hall with two dates for your diaries:

Saturday 18th September and Saturday 20th November.

We hope to see you there. Phil Robinson

# Fables - Christopher Thomson

As part of Nottingham's UNESCO City of Literature initiative, they have suggested a visit to the Old Library in Edwinstowe (Fables) to celebrate Christopher Thomson.

Read more at

<https://nottinghamcityofliterature.com/blog/literary-locations-81-the-old-library-edwinstowe>

Christopher was so grateful to Edwinstowe for looking after him and his family when they arrived penniless and unemployed. The village found him a house by the Maun Bridge and set him up as a painter and decorator.

A blue plaque on Fables wall reads:

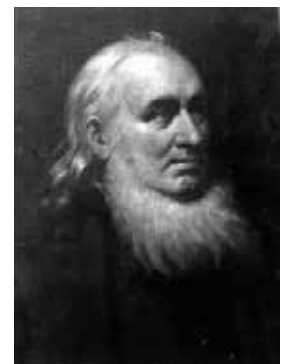
Christopher Thomson

1799-1871

Sailor, Comedian, Social Reformer, Artist, Author and advocate for the local Oddfellows.

He contributed much to supporting the community of Edwinstowe, setting up a 'Penny Library', Night Classes and lectures, as well as 'Self-Help' groups from 1838-1849.

This building (formerly the Old Library built 1913) followed in a similar tradition.



# The Beaumont House garden

The first personalised hospice hearts have been planted in the Beaumont House garden.

The aim is to plant 1,000 handmade hearts featuring the first name of a loved one.

They are being made by potter Karen Chesney of Norwell who will place them to create a spectacular display.

The hearts include one bought by day therapy patient Joan Denny of Balderton. Her heart says Absent Friends in memory of five day therapy friends – Irene, Brenda, Valerie, Jean and Pauline.

There is also a heart bearing the name Chantelle – in memory of Chantelle Swindlehurst, a much-loved healthcare assistant at Beaumont House who died suddenly aged 35.

The heart has been paid for with a donation from a hospice supporter. She asked that a heart should be made bearing the name of a person chosen by Beaumont House.

Individual giving manager Kat Wright, who is managing the project, said they had thought of Chantelle immediately.

“Everybody here felt it was so fitting that the heart should bear Chantelle’s name.”

Kat said she was delighted that so many hearts have been bought already but is urging people to continue to buy them.

“Some of the people remembered will have been cared for by Beaumont House but we would love everybody to buy a heart in memory of a loved one even if there is no connection with the hospice.”

For further details, please visit

[www.beaumonthouse.co.uk/heartourhospice](http://www.beaumonthouse.co.uk/heartourhospice)



# BTST clinic

Did you know Edwinstowe had its own private clinic? BTST clinic in Edwinstowe Holly Farm is a multidisciplinary private clinic, looking after your healthcare needs.

In some pain or discomfort? Maybe you need to see an Osteopath, Physiotherapist, personal trainer, nurse practitioner or just need a good sports massage? At BTST we have it all available.

One of our most common questions “is this just for sports people?” We do treat some sports people, but most of our patients are not and come to us because they have pain or long-term injury that they would like help with.

Recently BTST has welcomed a new registered Psychotherapist & Clinical Hypnotherapist who has been having appointments over zoom with patients, we are fully aware it is just as important to look after your mental health as well as your physical health.

The luxury clinic has been at Holly Farm coming up to two years now and has been working hard throughout the different national and local lockdowns to ensure it is COVID-19 safe!

Visiting any medical clinic in the middle of a pandemic could leave you feeling uneasy. We have been trying to use our social media, Facebook, Instagram to reassure its (our?) patients that we are safe to visit and we can help you, we feature some top tips on how to look after your overall health and wellbeing so please check us out on social media.

So, want to find out more about BTST and what we do? Why not? Visit the website <https://btstosteopathy.co.uk/>.



# 1st Edwinstowe Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers

We are still going strong in these very strange times. We have been holding Zoom meetings every week for over a year until on the 19th of April we went back Face to Face scouting. This has been lovely we have had meetings outdoors with our members under strict Covid 19 risk assessments which the leaders from each section has written and had approved by the Scout Association.

You may see us in the forest or on the field near the visitor centre. We have strict guidelines to follow and will be socially distanced from each other and where appropriate will be wearing face masks.

We have had a Virtual Scout Group camp to celebrate Beavers 35th Birthday and St Georges Day. We met outside twice for our Campfire (with home made campfires) and to renew our promise, we also invested a Beaver into Cubs and handed out badges at the campfire.

Our second meeting was a hike in the forest with a picnic, all members had to take a 35 item survival kit, they had to be inventive as they would be carrying this with them on the walk, they all managed very well, we even had a bedtime story book, just in case.

We have a very full programme up to the Summer holidays so if you would like to Join us just contact Sue on the number or email below.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are for girls and boys aged between 6 and 18 years. Please contact Sue if you have a child that would like to join us.



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<b>Monday</b> Emily's Friendship Group	Starting at 10.00am
<b>Monday Evening</b> Evergreen Club - Social/Bingo	Starting at 5.00pm
<b>Tuesday Afternoon</b> Emily's Exercise Class	Starting at 1.00pm
<b>Wednesday Evening</b> Evergreen Club - Dominoes/Bingo	Starting at 4.00pm
<b>Friday Afternoon</b> Abbey Road - Art/Craft Group	Starting at 1.00pm
<b>Friday Evening</b> Evergreen Club - Social/Bingo	Starting at 5.00pm

Keep this number handy to contact your

# LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

Call Chris: (01623) 368 603

We will do the small jobs, and turn up when we say we will!

# Edwinstowe Parish Council

Councillors can be contacted via The Parish Council Office

## Edwinstowe Parish Council

*Working to make a difference*

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## The Parish Council is

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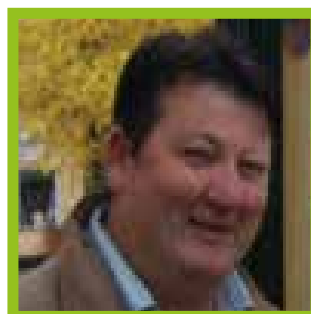
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Cllr Clive Parkin



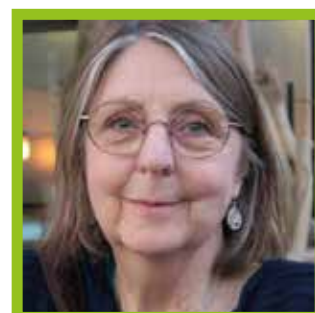
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Cllr Scott Carlton  
District & County Councillor



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# LOCAL SERVICES & GROUPS DIRECTORY

Local (01623) number applies unless otherwise stated

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD YOUR GROUP TO OUR DIRECTORY LIST

### Helpful Numbers

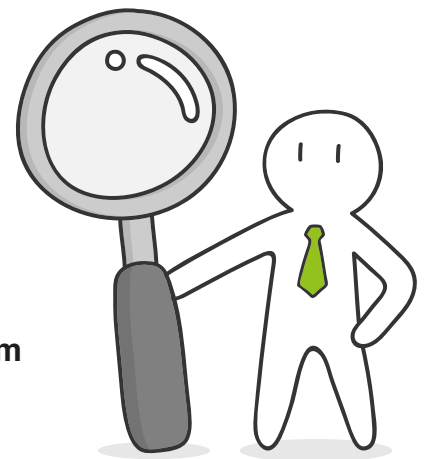
Parish Council Office - **824243**  
Newark & Sherwood District Council - **01636 650000**  
Nottinghamshire County Council - **0300 5008080**  
Citizens Advice Bureau - **0344 411 1444**  
Major Oak Medical Practice - **822303**  
Edwinstowe Library - **822280**  
Sherwood Forest Trust - **821490**  
Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre - **823202**  
The Village Hall - **07594 460846**

Please contact  
The Parish Council Office on 824243  
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### Local Groups

Evergreen Club - **07775 902912**  
Edwinstowe Historical Society - **822264**  
Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group - **822070**  
Edwinstowe Leisure Painters - **01777 870588**  
Edwinstowe's Helping Hands - **07800 803728**  
Major Oak Pop Choir - **07450 316756**  
Dukeries Singers - **642464**  
Abbey Road Art & Craft Group - **822534**  
Royal British Legion - **824787**  
Dukeries Tai Chi Society - **822827**  
Lynds Close Luncheon Club - **07800 803728**  
Sherwood Forest Probus Club - **822256**  
Abbey Road Whist Drive - **822374**  
Edwinstowe Youth Club - **07960 481488**  
Royal Oak Court Allotment Association - [roc.allotment@gmail.com](mailto:roc.allotment@gmail.com)  
Robin Hood Colts Football Club - **07921 250583** and **07772 908542**  
Edwinstowe Merry Women WI - [edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com](mailto:edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com)

1st Edwinstowe Guides Group - **823165**  
1st Edwinstowe Beaver Scouts - **823761**  
1st Edwinstowe Brownies - **07716 818327**  
1st Edwinstowe Scouts Group - **07511 363328**  
2nd Edwinstowe Brownies - **824782**  
Edwinstowe Handbell Ringers - **01623 822326**  
Sherwood Forest Brass Band - **01623 822672**



### Schools

St Mary's Church Of England Primary School - **822518**  
King Edwin Primary School - **822111**  
Dukeries Academy - **860545**

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St Mary's Church Rooms - **07840 435796**  
Methodist Church - **825469**

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