

# Edwinstowe Village

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

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News" provided by your Parish Council. As usual, you will find inside local news about some of the things which are happening in the village and articles from many of Edwinstowe's community groups. There is information about the annual Christmas Lights switch on event, which unfortunately did not happen last year due to the pandemic restrictions. We hope you find the magazine interesting and as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.



## From the editor, John Peck

By the time you receive this edition of the parish magazine we will be getting close to the time when the Christmas lights are switched on to light up our High Street during the festive period. Although the Parish Council put the lights up last year as usual, the pandemic restrictions prevented the annual Christmas lights switch on event taking place. Providing there are no further restrictions brought in, the event will go ahead as usual on 25th November starting at 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Precautions will be taken to make sure the event is as covid safe as possible. Our High Street always looks special when the lights are on and the Parish Council, along with the support of traders, makes every effort to put on a great display.



On another similar theme, you will find an article in the magazine about a grant the Parish Council successfully obtained, for the purchase of additional planters to add to the floral display on the High Street. The floral display was especially good this summer and it will be even better next year! Another article refers to the new gateway signs installed at the main entrances to the village, again through the Parish council having successfully bid for a grant from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. All of these things help to make Edwinstowe an attractive village for residents and also for our many visitors.



## New Parish Councillor fills vacancy

Edwinstowe Parish Council has filled a vacancy by voting to co-opt Mr Nigel Booth to the council. Notices had been posted as required by law, alerting members of the public to the vacancy, but in the absence of the signatures of a set number of electors being received on the due date, no by-election was called. In such circumstances, Parish councils are allowed to co-opt an appropriate person to fill the vacancy. Across the country, this is the most usual way that vacancies on parish councils are filled. As there was no by-election, notices were posted inviting applicants and Nigel Booth duly applied and was accepted to serve for the remaining period until the next election for a new parish council in May 2023.

Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks welcomed Nigel to the council and said, "We look forward to your contribution and do hope you find the experience interesting and rewarding."

## Councillors object to 60 foot high 5G mast in the centre of the village

Parish Councillors have strongly objected to a proposal to install a 60 foot high mast in the centre of the village next to the fire station on Mansfield Road.

The mast would enable 5G provision in Edwinstowe. Parish Council chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "We fully understand the need for a mast in the village to enable 5G provision for our residents. The technology will no doubt be welcomed by many residents and businesses.

What we object to is the location. It would be right in the centre of Edwinstowe on the edge of the conservation area. It would tower over the surrounding buildings and be totally out of keeping with the historic centre of our village.

The Parish Council would be more than happy to be involved in finding a more appropriate location which would not be so visually intrusive."



## Car parking remains a problem for residents

Residents who need to find a parking place in East Lane or West Lane car parks will know how difficult it can be. The Parish Council has carried out a number of surveys to establish how many vehicles are taking advantage of the free parking by parking in the car parks all day. The latest survey carried out on a weekday in August revealed that of the 30 spaces in West Lane car park, 16 cars were parked there for all or most of the day. In East Lane car park, of the 35 spaces, 23 cars were parked most or all of the day. Therefore, across the two car parks, 39 of the 65 spaces were occupied for most or all of the day. Past surveys have suggested that the cars that are parked in the car parks for much or all of the day, belong to a combination of traders and their staff or visitors to the village who use the free car parks and then often go off to walk in the forest.

The Parish Council are committed to maintain free parking in the three car parks (including the Village hall car park) and took over the car parks from the District Council several years ago to ensure free parking was retained in Edwinstowe. There is a two hour limit in the Village Hall car park and the traffic warden does visit and enforces the time limit by issuing tickets to vehicles which overstay but there is no time limit in East and West Lane car parks. Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "The Parish Council has been concerned for a long time about how difficult it is to access East and West Lane car parks because of the number of cars parked all day. We think this may be affecting trade and also causing some people to resort to parking on East Lane and Lynds Close. It's not straightforward to find a solution which suits everyone including some traders, but as the village continues to grow, car parking will become even more of a problem. Whilst we would urge people to walk or cycle into the village, this isn't always possible for everyone, so there will come a time, particularly as the village continues to grow, when we are going to have to see if we can find a way to free up more spaces. The introduction of a time limit would be one possible option to consider."

The Parish Council would be interested to receive responses and suggestions from residents.

## Edwinstowe Christmas Lights Event - 25th November 2021 4.30-7pm

Hooray!! The Edwinstowe Christmas Lights event is back for 2021 on 25th November at 4.30-7pm. The event will have all the popular attractions with stalls, games, rides, entertainment, lots of street food, drinks and of course we hope very much that Santa will make an appearance and meet local children.

There will be a few small changes to ensure everything is COVID safe. Edwinstowe Parish Council team are working hard with businesses, organisations and stall holders to make this a wonderful family event and get everyone in the Christmas spirit.



## Recent crime in the village

Edwinstowe is regarded by the police as a low crime area and certainly we don't experience the levels of crime compared to some parts of Nottinghamshire. The village is generally a safe place to live. However, that's not to say the village is crime free and in the past few months there has been a spate of crimes involving vehicles, including vans broken in to or stolen. Anyone who has been the victim of any crime will know how unpleasant and upsetting it can be. Parish Councillors meet with the police several times a year at the Safer Neighbourhood Group (to which members of the public are welcome) where concerns about crime and matters such as speeding in the village are discussed. The police report to the Safer Neighbourhood Group on actions they are taking and any successes they have had in catching the perpetrators of crimes in the village. The District and County Councillors from time to time also raise specific matters with the police relating to crime and traffic issues such as speeding. Councillors have on many occasions called for a greater police presence in the village.

The police say one of the most important ways to reduce criminal activity such as shed or house break ins or vehicle crime, is for residents to review their security. Police say criminals will often target car keys left in a hallway for example. Tools left in a van overnight are another target.

Some people only purchase burglar alarms or other security devices after being burgled. The police would always say it is better to take action before that happens and residents should review their security measures from time to time. Have you got secure locks on doors and windows? Consider deterrents such as a burglar alarm or cameras. Prevention is better than being on the wrong end of a crime.



## Parish Council secures grant to improve the appearance of the High Street

The Parish Council has been successful in applying to Newark and Sherwood District Council for a proportion of a government grant to improve the High Street and encourage trade, as businesses recover from the pandemic. The grant, which amounted to £7000, has enabled the Parish Council to purchase six more planters which match the black cube shaped ones the council installed on the High Street a few years ago. The new planters will be sited on and in the vicinity of the High Street to further enhance the floral displays, including the hanging baskets, the Parish council and traders provide every year. The grant also allowed for a replacement seat near the Co-op, as the existing one was beyond repair.

Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "We're delighted to have successfully secured this funding which will enable us to make our wonderful High Street even more attractive. Our much improved floral displays receive many positive comments from residents and visitors and we will now be able to make them even better. For many years, but especially now, the Parish Council has worked hard to improve the appearance of our High Street, to encourage residents to shop locally and attract more visitors to our wonderful village."



Many residents might remember that some twelve years ago, the High Street was looking very run down with a number of empty shops, pubs and boarded up buildings and the road surface was in a very poor state.

The Parish Council set about a determined effort, working closely with the District Council to get boarded up premises brought back into use, improving such things as the floral displays and Christmas lights and generally making sure the High Street is an attractive place for businesses to locate to and residents and visitors to use.

The traders also have to be complimented on working hard to make their businesses as attractive as possible and Edwinstowe is now very much a destination for people to visit, with a variety of attractive shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

Whilst many of the shopping centres across the country are sadly in decline, Edwinstowe is definitely on the up!

## FOOD BOXES are still available for residents in Edwinstowe

The amazing Edwinstowe Community Volunteer Group wound up on 30th June 2021 having helped over 100 households in Edwinstowe through the difficult times during lockdown and the pandemic. We will be eternally grateful to all our volunteers and especially our coordinators who were on hand seven days a week to take calls from local residents. Thank you to you all.

However the FOOD BOX project that the volunteer group set up along with St Mary's Church, in partnership with the CAR group in Ollerton, is still running and residents and families who need a bit of help can contact this number 07754536530 and collect a substantial food box to help them over difficult times. We know the fallout from the pandemic is not over yet and some residents may find themselves in difficulty for the first time. Help is available, please call 07754536530. Your call will be treated in confidence and you can collect or we can arrange delivery.



# RSPB Sherwood Forest

Hello everyone!

I'm Carol Hallam, the new Community and Volunteer Development Officer at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre.

As an Edwinstowe resident myself, I'm really looking forward to engaging with local people, organisations and events. I'll be arranging drop-in sessions and activities around the village and getting involved at local events over the coming months. I'm also happy to pop along to meet community groups or just get together for a chat.

The incredible amount and variety of work carried out in the forest and around the Visitor Centre by our RSPB Sherwood Forest volunteers has been a real eye-opener for me.

They get involved in so many different areas of our operation, almost everything from conservation work to retail and catering – even costumed story-telling walks.

They are such an asset and great ambassadors for the local area and for nature.

I'm keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved as a volunteer.

I've already had some really interesting and encouraging meetings, conversations and ideas about how we can all work together for the greater good of our community and I'm keen to hear more.

Please get in touch with me whilst I'm out and about in the village. Alternatively, you can contact me by e-mailing [carol.hallam@rspb.org.uk](mailto:carol.hallam@rspb.org.uk) or calling the Visitor Centre on 01623 677321



# The Dukeries Singers

We are excited to announce that The Dukeries Singers are now fully into the swing of rehearsals at our new venue, The Ollerton Methodist Church. The rehearsals are carefully organised so that they may be as Covid secure as possible.

Our new members have been warmly welcomed but it's never too late to join. We take new singers at all times of the year.

The Choir rehearsal list is full of Christmas music already, and we have a new non-Christmas piece which we know our audience will really love and want to sing along with! If you would like to try and guess who composed and performed

this originally, think of a band whose name is composed of the first letter of each singer's name.

Christmas is around the corner but like most choirs we began practising our Christmas music back in August! We have several performances planned so pop along and see us. Already in the diary are:

**25th November:** Edwinstowe lights switch on

**5th December:** Tuxford lights switch on

**18th December:** The Alders Pub in Ollerton from 18.30pm

For more information about joining or booking the choir, you can phone our bookings secretary Margaret 01623 642464 or 07896491314 or email us on [thedukeriesingers@gmail.com](mailto:thedukeriesingers@gmail.com)

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

## The Forest Corner Edwinstowe Cricket Club

There has been cricket played at the Forest Corner for more than 150 years, long may it continue. The cricket ground has, and will continue to be a focal part of the village.

There has been much speculation and rumour about Edwinstowe Cricket Club, the playing side and what is going to happen. Let me try to explain the situation and dispel any rumours that may be circulating. We are very busy and very successful. We have a lease on the ground, indirectly, with Thoresby Estates, which will run until 2035. We do not intend going anywhere, and when that lease runs out, we WILL look to renew it.

Our Junior Cricket Section has grown considerably over the last 5 years, and the older ones play in the Bassetlaw Junior Leagues and the Dynamo mini leagues. Over the next few years we hope to develop these youngsters so they can be absorbed into, and form senior sides once again. We do have a senior team in the Newark evening league

So, contrary to the beliefs of some, here we are, here we stay. Next season, come to the Forest Corner and sit on the terrace and watch the cricket, you will be welcome.

Mike Wigglesworth,  
Chairman Edwinstowe Cricket Club.



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.



Inspected and rated

Good

Regulated by



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

# Edwinstowe Christmas Lights Switch on 2021

Gifts

Music

Free  
Santa

Food

Rides

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
4:30-7pm

We're  
back!!

Rides, Food and  
Stalls on the High  
Street

Santa at the  
Village Hall

Entertainers on  
the High Street

Music, Choirs and  
Bands on the High  
Street

Hot drinks, Tombola  
and Craft Stalls in  
the Village Hall



# Forest School at St. Mary's

Forest School came to St. Mary's this half term. We are fortunate in being able to work with Mr. Lee Cooke on developing our outdoor provision; we are half way through our 10-week course, with Mr. Cooke leading sessions for our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children.

Mrs Bee, our Foundation Stage lead, has attended a week-long training course, with plans to integrate Forest School practice throughout school.



The benefits of Forest school in terms of confidence, teamwork, communication, problem solving and mental wellbeing are well-documented and we are thrilled to be able to enhance our current curriculum and the learning that already regularly takes place in Sherwood Forest in this way. Our children not only are able to enjoy the wonders of God's creation, but are developing a range of skills. As one of our pupils commented last week: 'At first I was too scared to walk on the straps but I did it..... I am super-proud of myself'.

If you would like a closer look at how we have transformed part of our field, or would like to learn more about our school, do please contact us either via telephone or our website to arrange a visit. We look forward to welcoming you. [www.st-maryscofe.notts.sch.uk](http://www.st-maryscofe.notts.sch.uk)



# King Edwin Primary School

At King Edwin Primary School, we believe that outstanding children deserve to have outstanding facilities! We are therefore thrilled to introduce our new resources - a brand new MUGA pitch, playground markings to help entertain and engage the children (and parents!) during recreational periods and our new Trim Trail, which has had so much attention, we have had to ask our Head Girl and Boy to create a rota so that the equipment can be enjoyed by all! A few members of staff have even been caught enjoying the new facilities!

We are very appreciative of our 'Friends of King Edwin', who have partially funded the new equipment, as they too, believe that our children deserve the best! Together, we believe in providing an engaging, challenging and creative education within a safe, nurturing environment. By developing children's self-esteem, independence, resilience and motivation, we hope our children will be able to grow, learn and achieve together...

Since returning back to school (after a tough couple of years), it is great to witness the children enjoying being back at school with their friends and peers! It brings the school great pleasure to see children happy in their environment - bringing a much needed buzz back to the community.



# Major Oak Pop Choir

The Major Oak Pop Choir is a Ladies choir. Based in Edwinstowe, our choir members come from all walks of life to share friendship, fun, and a love of singing. They are proud to have raised many thousands of pounds for good causes, many of them local to Nottinghamshire.

The last time we posted an article was back in May 2020. At that time, we were meeting 'virtually' every week via 'Zoom' which proved to be a lifeline to many of our choir members. It gave us something to look forward to each week and provided a valuable opportunity to keep in touch and support each other through the pandemic. We were able to learn new songs, sing some of our old favourites, and it reminded us of how singing has an amazing way of uplifting your mood, which has been so important to us over the last 18 months.

However, we couldn't wait for the time we would meet in person again, and on a beautiful warm, sunny evening at the end of July, we arranged an outdoor picnic in the large garden of one of our choir members (thank you Sheila!) and it was a wonderful and joyous occasion. At the time of writing, plans are in place to provide a 'Covid-safe' environment for the choir to return to 'in-person' rehearsals, and we hope this will be at the end of September.

If you are interested in joining us or would like to find out more about the choir, including details of the charities we have supported, please find us on Facebook @ majoroakpopchoir ; visit [www.majoroakmusic.co.uk](http://www.majoroakmusic.co.uk) ; or contact Pauline Daghish on 07450 316756.



## Edwinstowe Merry Women WI.

Edwinstowe Merry Women WI is just one of over 6,000 Women's Institutes in the UK, and one of over 100 in the Nottinghamshire Federation! The WI exists to 'inspire women through experiences, knowledge and skills'. We are a modern WI, with a wide age-range from 20s to 80s.

Last month was our first indoors since the start of the Pandemic, and we enjoyed chatting to get to know each other again. 6 members baked and a Chocolate Marble Cake was judged top. A 'Family of Jerusalem Artichokes' won a Funky Fruit & Veg competition. We brought food items and put them together to make 4 food hampers, which were gratefully received by Worksop Women's Refuge.

The December meeting will be members only – food, drink and Christmas fun!

Membership of Edwinstowe Merry Women WI is open to all women from Edwinstowe and the surrounding areas for an annual fee. Meetings are usually held from 7-9pm, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in the Village Hall – doors 6.45. Come along and see if it's for you before you join – we welcome guests at £5 each meeting.

Phone: 07780474142

Email: [edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com](mailto:edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com) with any questions.

Facebook: Edwinstowe Merry Women WI



# Robin Hood Colts FC receives new life-saving defibrillator

Following recent tragic events, the football community has come together to ensure that football clubs have access to lifesaving equipment.

The Premier League's Defibrillator Fund has enabled Robin Hood Colts to install an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Sherwood Fields ground, aimed at helping save the life of someone experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest.

The Fund, set up by the Premier League will enable more than 2,000 sites across the country to install an AED and is supported by The FA and Sport England and delivered by the Football Foundation. The defibrillator at Robin Hood Colts will be ready for use from 12/09/21.

While defibrillators are designed to be easy to use, club officials will also receive training through The FA Education's free online Sudden Cardiac Arrest course and guidance on how to update their emergency action plans. The new defibrillator will be registered with emergency services. However, it will only be accessible when the ground is in use.

Did you know? At least 12 young people, between ages 12-35 years, die of undiagnosed cardiac conditions in the UK every week. Over 30,000 people of all ages suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital every year and less than one in ten survive.

We hope we never have to use the defibrillator but having it at the grounds means that we can give someone a chance should any of our players or visitors suffer a cardiac arrest.



## Looking to get back to Church?

We are now "in person" each Sunday at 10.30 am

Everyone is welcome and we run a children's church.

## Our Worship Service is on Facebook at:

[Lifespringcentreollerton](https://www.facebook.com/lifespringcentreollerton)

## You can also find us online:

<https://lifespring.freeonlinechurch.com/live>



[www.lifespring.org.uk](http://www.lifespring.org.uk)

## Oasis Cafe

**We are open again!**

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

New menu with lots of homemade goodies

## Renting the Church

The Church building is open again to community groups. Anyone interested in renting one of our rooms call 01623 860303 or email the office at:

[office@lifespring.org.uk](mailto:office@lifespring.org.uk)



**Community Action Response**  
OLLERTON & DISTRICT

The Community Action Response Team is still operating out of Lifespring Church and Centre.

If you need help - a food hamper, telephone support, a mental health pack or children's activities, please ring:

**07754 536530**



[www.lifespringcentre.net](http://www.lifespringcentre.net)

# Edwinstowe House - In the Business of Wellbeing

Edwinstowe House is home to a wide range of over 30 businesses. We talk to Tracey Wathall, the Centre Manager at Edwinstowe House to find out about the new businesses setting up home in Edwinstowe House and how the centre has evolved over recent years to become a thriving business community for the village.

“We have been tucked away at the bottom end of the Highstreet for some time and over the last few years, we have made a real effort to re-connect with the Highstreet. We have created a new footpath and entrance, bringing the centre even closer to the heart of the Highstreet.”

The improved access has encouraged more businesses to take the next step in their journey, businesses who would typically set up in their homes have had the confidence to take purpose-built spaces.

The business centre has seen a marked increase in the number of health and wellbeing businesses joining their community, a trend which has brought a new dynamic to the centre.

Tracey Commented...

“Edwinstowe House is now home to a wide range of dedicated health, beauty and wellbeing businesses that compliment our more traditional tenants such as accountants, a bridal studio, consultants, construction, seamstress and IT businesses.

The new health and wellbeing businesses include an acupuncturist, sports massage, a beautician, therapists and councillors, hairdresser/barber and slimming world. There is always a real buzz around the building and it’s wonderful to see so many new businesses joining us.”

Meet Purple Lotus, Acupuncture and Reflexology wo said..

“Last year we made the move to Edwinstowe House. I feel very much at home in Edwinstowe House and there is a real sense of community. I find everyone so warm and welcoming and often have a chat and answer questions about acupuncture. Having my clinic here has made a great impact on my business, it has enabled me to expand and help more people. Giving me that space to enable me to grow as a business and as a person.”

Hair by fay, a Balmain prestige salon, offering luxury bespoke hairdressing services also shared here experience...

“Being based in Edwinstowe House is absolutely fantastic. Its wonderful being able to have a lovely view of the gardens and a calming relaxing atmosphere.”

In addition to the business, Edwinstowe House is also home to a number of weekly health and wellbeing sessions such as twice weekly candlelit and mindful Yoga. Slimming World also hold their meetings at the centre and popular business networking events such as 3Cs Networking which takes place monthly.

Tracey added

“One of the things that sets Edwinstowe House apart is our flexibility and support we can offer businesses. I would like to think we are unique and different from other centres as we are always connecting businesses together, encouraging collaboration and growth within the business community. Now we have a range of shop front style businesses, it’s vital that we bring passing trade into the centre to support this further.”

That’s not all, the centre also hosts large conferences and exhibitions which brings many people from across the region to Edwinstowe, bringing footfall to the high street and surrounding areas.

Tracey added...

“Businesses now have the confidence to start face to face events, conferences and exhibitions. On Saturday 2nd October we hosted the Parchment and Craft Exhibition in one of our large conferencing rooms. The event attracted over 100 people and brought tutors and enthusiasts together to demonstrate and exhibit their work. It was pleasing to see lots of people explore the Highstreet after their visit here.”

Tracey concluded “many businesses have been through tough times over the last 18 months, having been able to work with and support all of our businesses here, it has been truly rewarding to see every one of them innovate, adapt and bounce back even stronger.

With the support of the wider community in Edwinstowe I am confident we will continue to see the Highstreet and Edwinstowe House go from strength to strength.”

If you are interested in finding out more about what Edwinstowe House has to offer, follow them on Facebook (Edwinstowe House), contact Tracey or pop in and see them!

Edwinstowe House is part of the Woodhead Group.



Creating a Better  
Experience for All

# Edwinstowe And The Dukeries Lions Club

## John Eastwood Hospice (Edwinstowe).

The Lions were proud to help the Edwinstowe Support Group for John Eastwood Hospice Gala day by hosting various games. At the end of the day it was decided unanimously by us Lions to donate £500 to the John Eastwood Hospice. This was graciously accepted by the John Eastwood Hospice (Edwinstowe) group. We LIONS were proud to help them.

## Woodhead Group.

Recently the Woodhead Group held a Gala day at Edwinstowe House where the Lions held a raffle and there were lots of activities and games including tug of war and the day was very successful as Woodhead Group over the next year to celebrate their 75th Anniversary will be fundraising for three different charities, including The Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lions Club. Staff, customers and supply chain partners will be involved in a number of exciting charity events to raise money and give back to the local community.

The company will also be supporting the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance and Nottinghamshire Mind.

## 42nd Charter.

The 42nd Anniversary of the Lions was held at The South Forest Leisure Centre on 16th October and everyone had a great time. Lions from afar attended as well as 6 members of The Dukeries U3A which was great. The Lions again are grateful to the local establishments who were approached for a raffle prize so we were able to raise money so we can help the community.

The establishments who helped were -:

- Away With The Fairies
- CO-OP Edwinstowe
- Dukeries Lodge
- Fables
- Forest Lodge
- Hair Design
- Honey Pot
- Karisma
- Launeys
- Market Garden
- Maypole Inn At Wellow
- Sherwood Forest Trekking Centre
- Simply Natural
- Smoke and Ice
- The Flower Room

## Gleaning.

If you have any spare fruit or produce available in your garden please contact Robert 07815-473802 and we Lions can harvest and collect and make sure it goes to local food banks.

We have so far harvested over 110 kilos of fruit.

## Lands End to John o Groats Virtual Walk.

or Lion's End to John O' Groar As we called it We Lions did a virtual walk and raised £1410 which was split between The Lincs Notts Air Ambulance and the Lions. Did porridge at Bodmin Jail, visited Warwick Castle and in our area did a group walk from Copper Beech at Bilsthorpe to South Forest Edwinstowe. We also together did a walk from Dukeries at Edwinstowe via Sherwood Reserve and Thoresby Tip. Just a small walk really in the scope of what we are did. We wish to Thank Very Much Clipper Logistics who sponsored us to the amount of £500. All 7 Lions have done fantastic in their quest to reach the finishing line.



## Parkinson's Disease.

The Lions were approached by former Lion Mr.Tony Chapman as the Springwater Golf Club Calverton hosted a Captains day on August 28th in aid of Parkinson's Disease. The plea was to sponsor a hole for £100 and we are proud to be able to help. Lion Jon Yarwood went along to support.



### The Rope Project.

Is a scheme which supports families who have fled domestic abuse. Helps families by way of supplying household items ie kettles, microwaves, cutlery, bedding, beds and anything that is classed as essentials to survive and we LIONS are proud to support this project. If you have any such articles that will help these vulnerable people please contact Robert 07815-473802

### Sleigh Refurb.

So we are able to visit you with Santa we are in the process of refurbishing a sleigh and making a new one from scratch. This has been made possible with grants from Groundwork Tesco and Thoresby Charitable Trust as monies that you have given goes into helping the community not projects as this. Also thanks to Redfern Travel who put the new chassis together for free. Many Thanks also to The Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (College) @ Sutton in Ashfield who have agreed to do the necessary woodwork required for the sleigh. Details when Santa is coming to our area will be placed on facebook so look out for him

The above is just a small portion of what The Lions do in your community and if you wish to be a part of what we do then contact Robert 07815-473802 for a chat and come along to one of our meetings.

Finally Thank You for reading about us Lions it is much appreciated and everyone please stay safe.



The Market Garden kindly donated a raffle prize for the 42nd Anniversary of the Lions.



# JIGSAW HOMECARE



## Supporting Independence at Home

### Services We Offer

- Companionship
- Home Help & Housekeeping
- Shopping & Meal Preparation
- Medication Administration
- Personal Care
- Dementia Care
- Social Activities
- Financial Support
- Moving & Handling

**\* First  
2 Hours  
FREE**



### Areas We Cover

- Mansfield
- Mansfield Woodhouse
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Sutton-in-Ashfield
- Warsop
- Edwinstowe
- Forest Town
- Clipstone
- Pleasley
- Rainworth

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# Edwinstowe Cricket Club

This season, despite continuing COVID restrictions, has been the busiest at the Forest Corner for the last ten years. Almost every Saturday and Sunday there has been cricket to watch involving Thoresby, MADNI, Wellow and Woodsetts. Added to this has been an Edwinstowe side playing in the Newark Evening League, and with distinction.

The Junior Section has been busier than ever, a team of nine coaches, led by Jon Garnham, has supervised and developed over 80 youngsters on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings from late April to mid August. Having restarted the junior cricket 5 years ago we now have nearly 40 All Star children ( 5 - 8 ) and 50 Dynamo/Hard ball cricketers ( 8-12 ) who have been active each week. The Hardball cricketers, whose first season this has been in the Bassetlaw Junior League, have performed admirably, as have the Dynamo youngsters who ended their season as two representative teams playing in local mini leagues. When you see them in late April and then watch them again in mid August, it is not difficult to see the remarkable changes in skill level, team work and effort. Well done!

Off the pitch has also been a very busy time at the Forest Corner. We have hosted presentations, bands, receptions, private parties, Christenings as well as the usual socially acceptable Friday nights!!!!

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# Thoresby Sporting Trust

Thoresby Sporting Trust supports cricket at all levels as well as football.

The Trust would like to congratulate Thoresby Colliery Cricket Clubs Junior Sections successes of the 2021 season.

The Kwiks took part in the Bassetlaw Division of the Notts Cricket Clubs Kwik Cricket Competition and were crowned Champions being undefeated in all their games.

The U11's hardball squad also proved to be a strong outfit and were undefeated in all their League games and were crowned Bassetlaw U11's League Champions.

The U13's hardball team took part in a very competitive Bassetlaw League losing only 2 games which placed them in 3rd place. With half the team made up of U11's players it bodes well for the same players next season.

The U15's struggled in their league with the team being made up of mainly U13's and some U11's. However the experience gained will have been valuable for those U13's stepping up to the next level in 2022.

A presentation event was held at the clubhouse on September 25th when medals were presented to the teams. The Kwiks squad received their participating medals and also League winners medals.

With the club intending to compete at the same age levels next season any budding cricketers out there who wish to join this thriving club please contact.

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**Trevor Haywood, Chairman/Junior section admin. Mob.no. 07794971586.**



The U11's squad were also presented with their League winners trophies. Individual awards were made to:

Maisie.	Kwik Cricket Managers Award.
Aidan.	U11's Batting.
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## **Don't wait until October**

Are you or someone you know going to be affected by the loss of the extra £20 a week Universal Credit payment?

As it stands, the government is set to slash benefits by £20 a week - equivalent to £1,040 a year - from 6 October. The exact date people will see the cut kick in will depend on the day they get their Universal Credit payment. For many, this means September will be the last month they see their benefits paid at existing levels.

While every Universal Credit claim will drop by around £85 a month, the proportion of income claimants will lose will vary depending on their circumstances. Single people under 25 are set to be hit by the biggest drop.

Monthly standard allowances will drop:

- By a quarter for single claimants under 25, from £344 to £257.33
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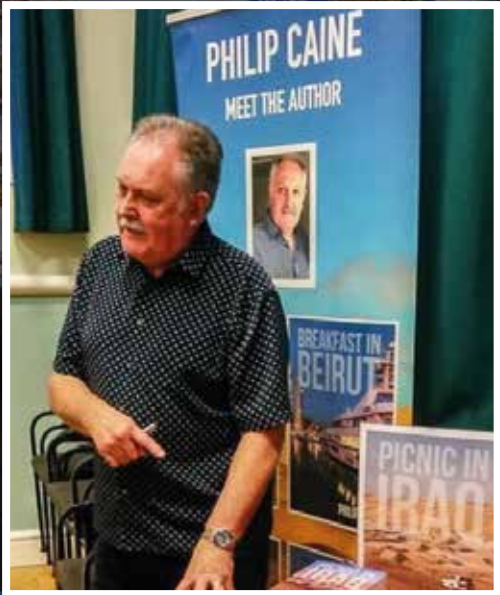
Locally, Citizens Advice Ashfield, Broxtowe and Sherwood & Newark are preparing to support people facing a reduction in their income from the loss of the extra £20 a week in Universal Credit and the end of the furlough scheme.

Across Ashfield, Broxtowe and Newark & Sherwood local Authorities 27,362 people were claiming Universal Credit in July 2021. This means the benefit cut is set to hit 1 in 8 people across our local areas. Furthermore, 40% of these Universal Claimants are in work and potentially could be negatively impacted by the ending of the furlough scheme.

We know that people across our communities are worried about the reduction in their Universal Credit payment. Of the 57 respondents to our survey, over 75% said that they are already struggling to pay priority bills or will struggle when their income is reduced by £20 per week.

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## Dukeries u3a

The weather was kind for the Dukeries u3a summer Garden Party in August which was held in the garden at Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. It was good to see friends again instead of 'virtually' to enjoy conversation and a quiz, a picnic and a share of delicious chocolate cake.

Dukeries u3a was featured on our local station, Bowe Radio, on August Bank Holiday Monday when they interviewed our chairperson, Leslye. She was able to tell listeners about u3a activities and the special u3a day held on 11 September at Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. On this special day existing and prospective members, local community leaders and many members of the public came to see the varied programme of intellectual, recreational and social activities that we offer. During the morning, Dukeries u3a members John and Hazel led a heritage walk around Ollerton which highlighted the hidden history of many of the buildings in the village. The day was completed in the evening with a quiz and ploughman's supper where u3a members challenged teams drawn from the community.

Indoor activity groups have started to meet once more with Photography, Gardening, Bridge, Mahjong, Tuesday and Sunday lunch clubs, Rummikubs, Uke 'n' Sing, Watercolour painting, Cinema club and Scrabble. Sewing, Wine and Creative Writing groups are to start soon. The Bowling group continues to progress and hope to carry on playing indoors in the winter months. The Ramblers enjoyed two walks in August. The first was a six mile flat walk around Orston and surrounding villages in south Nottinghamshire, finishing with a well deserved drink at the Durham Ox pub in Orston. The next walk took the Ramblers for a second visit to Portland Estates near Kirkby in Ashfield for a walk of approximately seven & a half miles. The group had previously walked the Northern part of this estate so this walk circled through the Southern part passing over the M1 and back into the estate. The Whatsapp Walking Group continued for those who wish to walk with company for a couple of miles in the local area.

The September members' meeting was the first one 'in person' since the lockdowns began and we were delighted to see old and new friends come to enjoy returning folk duo 'Fool's Gold' who entertained us with their Old King Coal presentation featuring songs and tales from down the mines. October's speaker will be Philip Caine who will be telling Dukeries u3a of his fascinating career 'From Barrow to Baghdad and Back'. Philip spent 40 years in the oil industry in places such as the North Sea, Algeria, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Russia, Iraq and Dubai. After retiring, he now travels the country giving talks and also writes adventure thrillers.

Dukeries u3a is especially pleased to have welcomed new members who have joined us in the last 2 months and increased our membership by 25%. Reader, if you would like to sample what Dukeries u3a have to offer, you can attend up to 2 monthly or activity group meetings for a nominal sum of £1 each time. The full membership fee is now £8 up to 31 March 2022. This fee gives access to all of our activity/interest groups, social activities and our members' meeting where a visiting speaker speaks on a matter of interest followed by refreshments. The members' meeting is held on the 3rd Monday monthly at the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton, starting at 1.00. Further opportunities are available to Dukeries u3a members to join an activity group run by other local u3a's who participate in the North Notts Network Group.

Dukeries u3a's motto is 'Learn, Laugh, Live'. We also believe that 'Now is the time to make the most of your life'. We now have over 125 members drawn from Ollerton, Edwinstowe and the surrounding villages and are open to anyone aged over 50 who is not in full time employment. To find out more about us and what we offer please take a look at our website at [www.u3asites.org.uk/dukeries/welcome](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/dukeries/welcome) to contact Wendy our membership manager. Alternatively our chairperson, Leslye will be happy to give more information. She can be contacted on 07756 436177 or [du3achair2020@gmail.com](mailto:du3achair2020@gmail.com)

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# Sherwood Forest Trust Celebrates Quarter Century

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Since 1995 the charity has been planting trees, conserving increasingly rare Sherwood heathland, and helping local people to get ‘hands on’ to look after the green spaces on their own doorstep. The Trust also works to uncover more of the hidden history of Sherwood Forest – for example, its ‘Spirit of Wartime Sherwood’ project is training local volunteers to investigate and record World War Two remains at Ransom Wood near Mansfield.

Sadly, its 25th anniversary year co-incided with the Covid pandemic. Like many small charities, the Trust faced trying times. Chief Executive Patrick Candler explains:

“Events such as the Major Oak Woodland Festival normally give us opportunities to tell people about what we do, sign up new volunteers, and raise funds. During the Pandemic, that just wasn’t possible. Huge thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund, who stepped in with emergency funds, to help us - and many other charities - survive a lean time.”

Happily, 2021 brought new staff and new opportunities, when the Trust was selected to help deliver the Government’s ‘Green Recovery’ project, designed to help Britain reach ‘net zero’ by 2050.



The team has been busy surveying forgotten patches of Sherwood Forest heathland – an increasingly endangered habitat for birds, insects and reptiles. This November the Trust are organising 12 days of community tree planting at Strawberry Hill.

So despite Covid delays, projects celebrating a quarter of a century of the Sherwood Forest Trust are now firmly back on track.



## Council provides grants to improve home heating

Newark and Sherwood District Council has 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 benefited 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.

## Parish Council Van

Our new van will soon have the Parish Council logo on it. So if you see it give our amenity team a wave. Our previous van was sourced for us by Gary Oliver at Central Garage, and it served the Parish Council very well. Gary put the van into good repair for us and had the logo put on without charge. I’m not quite sure of its age but when I joined the Parish Council in 2010 it had been in use for some time. Central Garage also serviced and carried out repairs through the years. So our sincere thanks goes to Gary and the Garage workers for the efforts they put in to keep us on the road. If our replacement van serves us half as well we shall be very pleased.

Celia Brooks - Parish Council Chair



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## Safer Neighbourhood Group

There was a meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group at the Community Centre, Abbey Road after a delay in holding meetings because of the pandemic.

Unfortunately it was not well attended but our Local Beat Manager, PC Graham Whitehead and a Community Support Officer were there to report, answer questions and give advice.

Questions were raised about the vandalism on Jubilee Park and the effectiveness of CCTV cameras, speeding, nuisance motorcycles and levels of other crimes including ASB offences. It was reported that Edwinstowe is a relatively low crime area with low levels of anti-social behaviour compared with other areas. Whilst both house and vehicle break-ins do happen they are not at a high level. Speed checks are done regularly when time permits and a recent one covered Mansfield Road and other areas of the village.

The officers stressed the importance of reporting incidents of possible criminal activity as the police depend on the public to be their 'eyes and ears' in many cases. If possible the police should be contacted on 999 in an emergency or by dialling 101 for other reports of suspicious activity.

The next SNG meeting will be in the new year but the actual date will need to fit in with the Officer's work schedule. The meeting will be at the Village Hall and is open to all. Please look out for the advertising of the meeting and take the opportunity to talk with police officers about concerns you may have. Celia Brooks

## Hospice Support Group

Since the end of May we have been quite busy fund raising with several outdoor events. These have included invitations from the RSPB to hold stalls on two occasions at the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and a stall on August Bank Holiday Monday at Edwinstowe Cricket Club by kind invitation of Terry and the committee

On 4th September we were one of many stalls at a Hospice Summer Fete organised by Tracey Wilson and held at 'Freshfields', Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe. This whole event raised over £1434 for Hospice funds and included a generous donation of £500 from the Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lions. The Summer Fete proved to be a fantastic village event where we all saw people whom we had not seen since before lock down! The people of Edwinstowe generate a terrific community spirit and the Support Group would like to thank you all for your continued support.

September 18th saw us holding our first Coffee Morning since the initial lock down which raised £550. Once again thanks to all helpers and supporters.

Diary Dates:

Our next event is a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 20th November in the Village Hall from 10.00 until 11.45 and we will be on the High Street for the Christmas Lights event on Thursday 25th November. We hope to see you there.



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# Ode to Sherwood

My name is Christopher Clay and I was a lifelong resident of Edwinstowe until I moved to Mansfield Woodhouse four years ago, I do however maintain strong ties with the village as both my family and my wife's family both still live in the village as do the majority of our friends.

I still have a strong affinity and passion for the village and Sherwood Forest in particular and usually come to Edwinstowe at least a couple of times a week. During the past 18 months of the pandemic, I found myself struggling professionally and personally due to my career in the NHS. I decided to turn my hand to creative writing to deal with my stresses and emotions and have recently been featured in the Chad newspaper.

I consider my best work to be a poem about Sherwood Forest and I found great comfort and hope in writing it, I feel it captures the spirit of the forest and its local residents perfectly.

## Ode to Sherwood.

Only from rock bottom the green shoots may spring, to grow into the mighty Oaks such a magnificent thing, a place where both a free man and Outlaw may tread, for both their hearts are tainted with worry and dread

This ancient wood has seen the decay of time, but every ray of Sun onto the glades makes a new leaf shine, there is a humble beauty among the fern and in this demi-paradise a lesson to learn

When you cannot see the wood amongst the trees remember Robin and his band of Men, yearning only for life's necessities. For the wild place can give us peace and thought even when the mind is fraught

So take a deep breathe as you face the Major, we must think not of the danger as each fallen branch has met its end, the Forest will bring new life following the morning Sun's tend

A metaphor for life and love, a new acorn must grow from the bottom to become strong and good, in the tranquil paths of old Sherwood.

C.Clay 17/08/2020.



# 1st Edwinstowe Scout Group

Scouting in Edwinstowe is going from strength to strength, we now have 60 young members with more on our waiting list. We started back face to face meetings in April and are in full swing and enjoying every meeting. We have been working very hard and working towards the following badges:

**Beavers:** Adventure, Outdoors, Skills, World, Camp craft, Explorers, Teamwork, Disability awareness, Sports and Hikes 1 & 2.

**Cubs:** Teamwork, Skills, Naturalist, Athletics and Money skills.

**Scouts:** Outdoors, Navigator, Model maker.

**Explorers:** International, Global issues, Emergency aid, Hikes and D of E award.

Our young scouts have taken part in Mini Olympics, walks along the river and played pooh sticks, nature walks and a beavers did a hike to the Dog and Duck.

Drawing and painting, pioneering, night hikes and Scouts built shelters at Thoresby Park.

Bike rides, scouting family tree, puddle splashing and Cubs have been working at Sherwood Heath learning about our forest and the animals and helping to remove tree sapplings ready for re-siting.

Pioneering and camp cooking, Emergency /first aid training and the Explorers have been Kayacking on Thurlby Lake.

Future events we have planned are: Night hikes, international & Cultures and Camp planning, sponsored walk, Remembrance day Parade, and a joint Christmas activity.

Our Committee will be having a stall on the Christmas market and the Scout Group will be decorating a tree for the Church tree event.

As you can see we have accomplished a lot in the last few months and the young people of Edwinstowe have gained skills for life. We would like more young people to have this experience, but we need more leaders and helpers to enable us to have more young people.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our Leaders and helpers for all your support,

If you are interested in helping in any way as leaders/helpers or committee members or if you have any skills you feel would benefit our group please give me a call or send me an email.

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# Thoresby Colliery Cricket Club

The 2021 season began with most Covid restrictions eased to give an near normal playing season as possible.

The 1st XI's programme of games in the Bassetlaw League Championship ended on September 11th with the team 3rd in the league but with clubs below finishing their games the following week that position was looking vulnerable. However in a nail biting finish to those games the 1st's managed to hang on to 5th place which means they will be invited to join the Notts Premier League 2 for the 2022 season.

The 2nd XI ended their campaign in 3rd place in the Bassetlaw League Div 2 and will now await for the League constitution to be published to see which division they will play in 2022.

The 3rd XI who played most of their games at Edwinstowes Forest Corner ground ended their season in 6th place in Bassetlaw League Div 5. A good performance whilst giving Junior players the opportunity to play in senior cricket. Up to 6 juniors aged between 12-15 years have represented the club at this level during the season which bodes well for the future.

The midweek team who played in the Newark District Midweek League had again another successful season finishing as league and cup winners.

The Sunday XI had a competitive season maintaining their place in the Premiership League.

The club welcomes new members both socially and players of all abilities and gender.

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# All in a day's work at the Major Oak Surgery...

**Your Patient Participation Group (PPG) and the surgery are aware of social media criticism of the surgery recently, our job is to act as critical friends to the practice, we have asked questions on your behalf and for a GP's typical timetable. Nationally GPs are striving to provide more access to their patients.**

## Predictable work

- 30 X 10-minute appointments spread over 5+ hours.
- 1-2 home visits – often very time consuming as house-bound patients can require complex diagnosis, then on-going monitoring and assessment.
- Filing clinic letters and discharge summaries - highlighting the main aspects of the visit. Diagnoses then coded into the computer system. Future actions set in place – liaison with specialist clinicians – e.g. cardiologists. This element of a GP's work is vital and time consuming, a bespoke clinical timetable for numerous patients cannot be rushed and incorporates the prescribing of medicines and testing the results before adding to the repeat list. Ensuring the reception team contact patients to arrange for blood pressure, pulse and blood tests. Only after full diagnosis and assessment can patients be put onto long-term care plans.
- Prescription requests: - monthly requests relating to a wide range of conditions, reviewing repeat prescriptions periodically.
- Ringing back patients – often extending to the evening, even after care is handed over to the out of hours service.
- Weekly ward rounds in nursing homes.
- Non-NHS work: – completion of medical component of forms for insurance, adoption documents, letters supporting applications for housing, blue badge, Personal Independence Payment etc.
- Meetings: - Practice, PPG, GP partnership etc.
- GP Registrar de-briefing: - supporting the GP registrar (GP in training) at the practice. Discussing all the patients they have seen during the whole day.

## Unpredictable work

- Calls from Paramedics regarding practice patients.
- Calls from hospital doctors regarding practice patients.
- Nursing home visits, to assess a couple of patients, often expanding to other residents and responding to queries from relatives.
- Emergency visits.
- Emergency Appointments.
- Accidents: - e.g., someone has fallen and injured themselves on the High St.
- Medical complexities: - visits and appointments requiring far more time than allocated

# Edwinstowe Leisure Painters

The painting group art classes are held on Monday afternoons at Edwinstowe Village Hall at 2.00-4.00 p.m. currently to December for our Autumn Term, and through to June in 2022. Everyone with an interest in art is welcome to enrol, and the fees are £6/class plus refreshments, tea/coffee/biscuits extra are available.

Our venue carefully follows Covid regs.etc. and there is a relaxed atmosphere among our class members.

A wide variety of painting/drawing skills are covered with demos, general tips and help given along the way.

The painting group visits exhibitions and museums, and shows an Exhibition usually every May at Edwinstowe Village Hall.

For further details contact Graham Laughton (tutor) on 07999528397 or 01777472885



Jackie Insley Chief Officer at Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark said

'Please don't wait until October. 'If you are struggling or think you are going to struggle, it's always important to check what other help might be available. Contact our advice line to speak to one of our advice workers or have a look on our website.'

You're not alone and there is support available. Everyone's situation is different which is why speaking to a trained adviser may be helpful. Depending on your circumstances, support could include:

- **A benefits check.** This will help you verify you're getting all the support you're entitled to. You can use an [online calculator](#) as a starting point or get in touch with us.
- **Help with debt.** Some bills can cause you more problems than others if you don't pay them. Rent or mortgage arrears, energy bills and council tax are your priority debts as there can be serious consequences if you don't pay them. Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark can provide guidance [if you're struggling with bills](#).
- **Free school meals.** If you have children and you get certain benefits, you might be able to [get free school meals](#) for your children. Parents on UC may be entitled to additional support with '[back to school costs](#).'
- **Food bank vouchers.** If you can't afford the food you can ask for a [referral from Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark](#) or an organisation that's already supporting you - for example, a charity, school or children's centre - for a food bank voucher.

For information and advice, contact Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark on:

- **General advice** via our Adviceline on 0800 144 88 48 or Textphone: 18001 0800 144 8 444 Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm. Alternatively, you can ring our local office on 01623 861769 where you may be offered a call back
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- Contact us on **01623 861769**



# Edwinstowe Book Festival

Edwinstowe House hosted the Edwinstowe Book Festival on Saturday 18th September. The event was organised by Edwinstowe Parish Council and Newark Book Festival organisers and was enabled by a successful application to the Major 2 Miner Grant fund.

The event included Market Stalls manned by local authors and book sellers in the Garden Area, including Lucy Trider and Ed Purle.

Story Telling sessions for children by authors Jim Munro and Gareth Baker was a hit with our younger residents. Local authors included crime writer Stephen Booth and Sherwood Forest Writers Rowena Edlin White who were there to talk about their books and meet readers in the DH Lawrence Suite. Craft activities for children were provided by Becky Goddard-Hill.

Special thanks to Newark Book Festival organiser Sara Bullimore, Edwinstowe House Centre Manager - Tracey Wathall and the Woodhead Group, owners of Edwinstowe House Business Centre.

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<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
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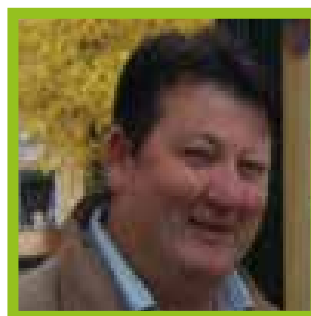
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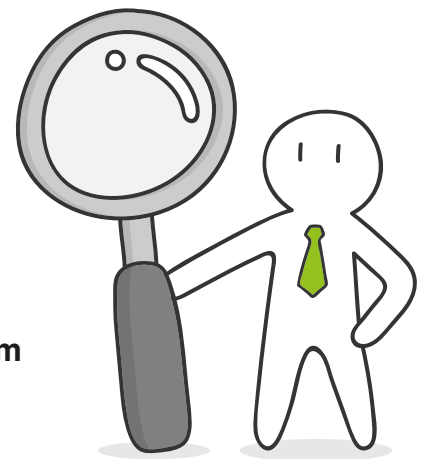
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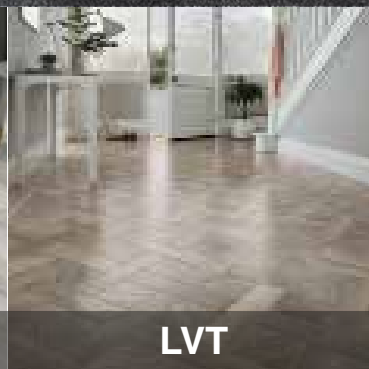
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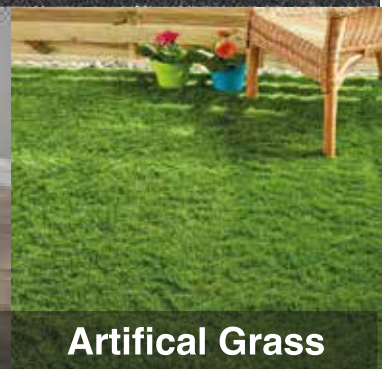
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