

## EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2008

### People

We begin by heartily congratulating Ann Hickman on winning the Good Neighbour Award in the BBC Nottingham Reach Out Awards. Well done, Ann, you thoroughly deserve this accolade for all the selfless community work you carry out in the village.

### Tree Preservation Orders in Everton Parish

We thought it would be useful for residents to be aware of the trees that are protected, either by tree preservation orders, or by being in the conservation area.

The following trees are protected by tree preservation orders:

- A group of four ash on Everton Sluice Lane, to the west of Clay Bank Farm
- A group of two oak on Everton Sluice Lane, at its junction with Harwell Sluice Lane
- One sycamore at Glebe House, Everton Sluice Lane
- One purple maple, one willow and two poplar at Pine Lodge, Chapel Lane
- A group of one purple maple and three pine at Pine Lodge, Chapel Lane
- One holly at Horseshoes, High Street.

The consent of the District Council is required to cut down, top, or lop, a tree which is protected by a tree preservation order. The principal exception to this is where a tree is dying, dead or dangerous, in which case notice should be given to the District Council before carrying out the work.

Anyone proposing to cut down, top or lop a tree in the Conservation Area is required to give the District Council six weeks' notice, in order to give it the opportunity to consider whether a tree preservation order should be made.

### Everton Affordable Housing Project

We're continuing to work with Acis Group Ltd. to try to identify a suitable site.

### Consultation on the Annual Highway Programme

We've been telling the County Council of the importance of local people having an input into highway maintenance and improvement priorities. It's good to report that the County Council has listened to our message, and we're to meet them to ascertain how this can best be achieved.

One development we can report is that, by the time you read this, the County Council should have provided a school crossing point on Chapel Lane.

### Village Hall

The Village Hall is managed in partnership between the Metcalfe Charitable Trust and the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, with financial support from the Parish Council. Improvements have recently been carried out, funded by a grant of £40,000 from WREN, and the balance provided by the Trust itself.

The male and female toilets have been modernised and redesigned to accommodate a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities. The former committee room has been converted into two storage areas, one to contain the storage cupboards and shelving, and the other to contain the tables and large equipment.

The kitchen has been completely rebuilt to meet current health and safety and hygiene requirements. There is a new cooker and a dishwasher.

An entirely new central heating system has been installed with three zones, independently adjustable.

A new doorway has been installed between the main hall and the snooker room, immediately adjacent to the snooker room emergency unit. The revamped Village Hall was officially opened by lifelong residents on Saturday 11th October. Well done to everyone involved in the project.

### Synopsis of the Annual Report

As a Quality Council, we're required to publish a synopsis of the annual report, including a brief summary of the accounts in one of our newsletters. The annual report included reference to the following:

- Elections and people
- Parish Plan
- Housing Needs Survey
- School and Community Group
- Best Kept Village Competition
- Highway matters
- Tunnel Tech North Ltd
- Closure of Daneshill Household Waste & Recycling Centre in 2009
- Planning issues
- Safer Neighbourhood Group
- Community Speedwatch
- Flooding
- Consolidation of village charities
- Cemetery matters

### Summary of the Accounts

We began the year with a balance of £8,251 and ended it with a closing balance of £7,832. The closing balance included an earmarked reserve of £2,743 Parish Paths Partnership grant. Income during the year came to £14,456 and expenditure to £14,875. Total fixed assets amounted to £49,066.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the winter, but it's always easy to contact us. You can use the contact details below, and we have a 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish Council meetings. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using HEDS Together. You can also read minutes of meetings, etc. on our web site:

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

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