

## EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2007

### Flowerbeds

Phew! Many residents will be aware of the recent media coverage of our proposal to establish two flowerbeds on the northern grass verge of the A631, between the junctions with Chapel Lane and High Street. Because of the County Council's stringent health and safety, etc. requirements, we felt we couldn't possibly comply, and so left it at that. Naturally, we were disappointed, and said so at our meeting, but nothing more. Nevertheless, the matter received publicity in the local and national press and TV too!

We were invited to take part in a televised feature, but declined, on the basis that the land isn't ours and the County Council is entitled to stipulate its own requirements - overkill, perhaps, but not our business. We enjoy an excellent relationship with the County Council, and we realise they can't say yes to everything. In recent years they've helped us in several ways, including provision of the pedestrian refuge, interactive signs, new bus shelter and new street light on the A631. Furthermore, it would have been difficult for us to have done as well as we have in the Best Kept Village Competition without their help.

### Best Kept Village Competition

Following Everton's success last year in not only winning Category C (population 300 to 700) but also the Wilko Best of Notts Award, it's important that we pull out all the stops to do well again this year. Whilst holding on to the Wilko award will be hard, retaining Category C is clearly within our grasp. It's all too easy to become complacent, so the Parish Council is looking for another major effort by residents. We'll be facing tough opposition – for example, Gringley on the Hill will be trying hard to regain their 2005 crown, and Oxtun, runners-up for the past two years and former winners, will be hoping for third time lucky.

There are three elements which the judges will be looking at:

#### Domestic:

dwellings, gardens, outhouses, hedges, verges and allotments

#### Community Facilities:

bus shelters, bus stops, telephone kiosks, playing fields, green spaces, natural features, village halls, churches and churchyards, notices and advertisements, litter bins, footpaths maps, footpaths, etc.

#### Commercial:

commercial premises, inns and parking areas, farm buildings and farmyards

There are also bonus marks for Special Community Effort – in which we excelled last year!

Individuals and organisations are encouraged to help the village do well and win more prizes and recognition of our village.

### Tunneltech North Ltd.

Tunnel Tech North Ltd. has recently submitted a planning application which has a primary aim of eliminating smell nuisance. However, they're also proposing to expand their facilities to increase production. We've responded to the planning application by saying that, whilst we don't object, we want a condition prohibiting increased production until such time as the smell is eliminated.

### Daneshill Household Waste and Recycling Centre

The County Council has decided to close Daneshill on 31st March, 2009. We've protested, and requested their attendance at a public meeting. The main thrust of our complaint is that, whereas we're told that the national guidelines require there to be a facility accessible to all people within a five mile radius, that clearly doesn't apply to most of the residents of Everton, with the Retford facility being over five miles away. Daneshill is convenient, whereas Retford isn't.

### Lafarge

Most people will now be aware of the planning application by Lafarge Aggregates to develop a sand and gravel quarry at Sturton-le-Steeple. We've lodged a strong objection to the proposed means of transporting quarried materials, i.e. road, arguing for transport by rail and water. Other local parish councils have also objected, as has the District Council. Thanks are due to Sue Hughes and District Councillor Annette Simpson for their help in this matter.

The current position is that County Council officials are talking to the company about the transport issue.

### Robin Hood Airport

The airport has recently consulted on an Airspace Change Proposal, intended to put the airport in controlled air space and to improve air safety. We've said that we're happy with that proposal, although we're going to consider the present and likely future impact of the airport on Everton shortly.

### Housing Needs Survey

We had a housing needs survey carried out last year by Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, funded by the North East Bassetlaw Forum. The draft report has been produced, and we're now working towards a final report.

### Dog Bins at Harwell

We're looking for a volunteer to empty the dog bin at the bottom end of Pinfold Lane. Any volunteers please contact the Clerk.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the summer, 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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