

## EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007-08

### Parish Plan

Please see the article in HEDS Together regarding a possible long-term strategy for a new school building to be combined with shared community facilities. In short, a public meeting is to take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 28th February, 2008 at 8.00 pm, so please attend if you can, or alternatively contact our Chairman, David Bardsley, on 01777 818833 with any views.

On another aspect of the Parish Plan, Richard Scott, Secretary of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, gave a presentation at our December meeting on the consultation exercise about improving the play park. Discussions are continuing with stakeholders and providers with regard to a final agreed plan and funding arrangements. We congratulated those involved and expressed general support for the emerging proposals.

### Community Speedwatch

You may be wondering why this has gone quiet. The problem is that, whilst Nottinghamshire Police are prepared to insure volunteers for employer's liability and public liability, they aren't prepared to provide personal accident cover. We're pushing hard to change this, but until such time as cover is provided, we're unable to promote Community Speedwatch in Everton.

### Affordable Housing in Everton

Again, this seems to have gone quiet, but the reality is that discussions are ongoing with a view to finalising the survey report and ascertaining the views of the District Council.

### Flowerbed at Carr View

After last year's excitement, with television coverage of our aspirations for flowerbeds on the A631, we've scaled things down, and now plan to create a flowerbed at Carr View. We're currently seeking sponsorship to acquire the

necessary flowers and shrubs, and Everton Garden Holders have kindly agreed to maintain it once we've created it.

### Parish Council Emergency Plan

Following last year's floods, we agree with the County and District Councils over the desirability of parish councils producing their own emergency plans to link in with the County and District plans. This, of course, is not just about floods, but also about any sort of emergency that can arise. We're currently talking to key village stakeholders about putting our plan together.

As regards the floods, we're still waiting for the County Council to test the surface water drainage on Gainsborough Road and Mattersey Road, so we can't announce the results yet. On a more general note, we understand that the District Council is currently looking at feasibility studies relating to village drainage systems affected by flooding.

### New Quarry at Sturton-le-Steeple

Despite our best efforts to oppose the planning application, supported by District Councillor Annette Simpson and County Councillor Ken Bullivant, the County Council has granted planning permission to Lafarge Aggregates UK Ltd. to open a new sand and gravel quarry at Sturton-le-Steeple. This will unfortunately generate more lorry traffic along the A631.

### Best Kept Village Competition

Following Everton's success in 2006 in not only winning Category C (population 300 to 700) but also the Wilko Best of Notts Award, we followed up last year with a creditable third place. So, we are looking for another major effort by residents in order to return to glory. We'll be facing tough opposition as usual though; so all the stops will have to be pulled out!

One thing that won't help at all is dog fouling, which we wrote about in the January edition of HEDS Together. Most dog owners in Everton

take a responsible attitude and clean up after their dogs. However the responsibility of the vast majority is being undermined by a few who do not do so, or allow their dogs to roam unsupervised.

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

#### Domestic

dwelling, 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 in 2006.

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

Incidentally, no-one has come forward to suggest that Harwell enters the Competition this year, so, unless there's a change of heart soon, Harwell won't be entered.

### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the spring, 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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