

## **Everton Parish Council**



### **Democracy and Citizenship**

Everton Parish Council is committed to engaging the public in the democratic process.

We publicise the role of the Parish Council and the democratic process through our various publications.

We act on behalf of the County and District Councils in displaying all election materials.

When we have a casual vacancy needing to be filled by co-option, we give public notice and invite expressions of interest.

We operate a Parish Council/Community website

We write frequent public information/consultation articles in HEDS Together

We publish an annual report, annual information leaflet and quarterly newsletter.

We publish information on the three Parish notice boards.

Agendas, minutes, quarterly newsletters, annual reports and information leaflets, etc. all supplied to local shops, licensed premises, local libraries, offices of the principal authorities and the media.

We issue village questionnaires, e.g. Parish Plan and Housing Needs Survey.

We hold public meetings on key village issues, e.g. Parish Plan and Road Safety on the A631.

We publicise all planning applications in HEDS Together.

We have Public Discussion Periods at all our meetings.

We liaise with the local police and other stakeholders on a regular basis, through the medium of the Safer Neighbourhood Group, especially regarding issues relating to young people, where the police talk to hard to reach groups on a regular basis.

Our Parish Plan was published in August, 2004. During its preparation, the views of young people were taken into account in order to achieve a Plan that was relevant to

their needs. We did this by distributing a discrete youth questionnaire to every household in the Parish, and by establishing a youth action group.

We remain concerned about the need for our services for young people to be up to 21<sup>st</sup> century standards and have established a School and Community Working Group, comprised of key stakeholders, to establish issues such as community use of new school facilities, future development of new play/sports facilities on the recreation ground, an improved village website and improved public transport.

We make annual donations to various organisations including the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, which manages the recreation ground and village hall, which cater widely for the youth of the Parish.