

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm in Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Eaglescliffe TS16 0EH

Your Councillors will report on the work of the Council during the past year and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and air your views on any topic which concerns you. The winners of the 2024 Community Award will be invited along to receive their award and Egglecliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2024 will also be presented at the meeting. The meeting will be followed by the Chairman's Social Evening and you are cordially invited to join us for light refreshments and a chance to chat informally with your Councillors. If you haven't been before, why not make it a first this year and find out what's happening and what's not in your community.

A Welcome Message from the Chair,

As I prepare to step down as Chair of Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council this year, I reflect on both our achievements and challenges. The council are gradually improving play areas, providing allotments, maintaining two war memorials etc. but on the other hand anti social behaviour is still a growing problem. I have personally had to extinguish two fires set by local youths this year at the St Margaret's play area, although one of them did show remorse and stayed to help make safe. We're working closely with Ward Cllrs, Stockton Borough Council Enforcement and Police to address these issues, but we need your support, as vigilant community members, and report bad behaviour.

Community engagement remains at the heart of our 'mission' as a small and under represented council in need of more councillors, yet we continue to face difficulties in reaching all our residents. Our meetings are open to the public, and we strongly encourage your attendance and participation in local matters that affect us all. We are not politicians, our councillors serve entirely on a voluntary basis, dedicating hours to improving our parish. I can understand and empathise that people have to prioritise their own time with family, work and so on, however if we can put some small thought towards our community too, I hope that would result in us all being able to find some time to make a positive impact for ourselves and others and to simply look out for one another as the good neighbours that I feel most of us are.

I extend my gratitude to fellow councillors, the wonderful and understanding clerk, and engaged residents who have supported our initiatives. The parish council exists to serve you and protect the character of our beautiful area, so I encourage more residents to become involved in shaping the future of Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe - *Marc de Launay*



STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY BICENTENARY EVENT 2025

Sunday 7th September 2025 Egglecliffe Village Green

As announced in the Autumn newsletter, Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe Council and the Egglecliffe Area Residents' Association (EARA) are hosting an event on the village green. Appearing will be a Punch and Judy show, a Silver Band, a local band, a soloist, food outlets and stalls, a bar on the Village Green, an ice-cream van, a fire engine (subject to availability) and a magician.

With free entry to the event starting early afternoon, we hope you and your family will be able to come along and celebrate it with us.

The Parish Council are looking at other ways for commemorating the historical event and are considering a number of plaques to mark the original 1825 line and later rail heritage additions as well as other related features within our boundaries. Any further ideas to mark this occasion can be submitted to the council via the comment sheet link on the back page.



COMMUNITY AWARDS



Our Parish Council Community Award is given every year to individuals and/or groups who have made a worthwhile contribution to our life within the Parish Community.

We are delighted to announce that this year there are two awards with the winners being **Elaine Lee** for her voluntary work to keep the gardens adjacent the Eggescliffe War Memorial in great condition. Last year's winner for the Community Award, **Rebecca Hassack**, founder of the Eggescliffe Community Litter Project has been nominated again for 2024 for continuing her dedication to the local community.

Thank you! Congratulations and we will award these formally at our annual meeting!
and a big thankyou to all volunteers throughout the parish who keep the area looking smart.

Anyone nominated for the award doesn't necessarily have to be resident or based in the Parish. They simply need to meet at least one of the following criteria:

- to have achieved something particularly noteworthy within the Parish
- to have enhanced the reputation of the parish – physically or metaphorically;
- to have made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the Parish.



Grants

(made under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972)



Eggescliffe and Eggescliffe Council sets aside a small amount each year for the purpose of awarding grants at its discretion to community organisations which are charitable, voluntary or non-profit making organisations and can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to provide benefit to the parish by: providing a service, enhancing quality of life, improving the environment or promoting the parish in a positive way.

Further information can be made by requesting an application form and guidance from the Clerk.



Allotments



The Parish Council own and manage two allotment sites, one in Eggescliffe Village and another, Eliff's Mill, on the A67 (Airport Rd). Both sites have low rents. Waiting lists for the sites are open to Eggescliffe & Eggescliffe residents. If you would like to apply for an allotment please contact the Clerk on 01642 785951 or email.



PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!



Dog mess is still an issue within the parish on pavements and unfortunately within designated play areas, a recent spoil actually being left on a play slide!!

We politely urge everyone to dispose of it in a bag and in the public bins or your green waste bin, there are several dog and litter bins available around the parish. The Council would like to thank those who do clean up after their dogs. Your co-operation in maintaining a clean and tidy parish is greatly appreciated.



And the Money Side of Things... PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING



Every year your parish council sets a budget, taking into account proposed expenditure, a fixed government grant, any money left over from earlier periods and income such as allotment rents and interest. Stockton Borough Council is then required by "precept" to collect the net amount for the year ending 31st March through the Council Tax system (together with money needed by itself and the requirements of the police and fire authorities).

Throughout the year the Parish Council is required to comply with laws and regulations about finance and be audited in detail by its Internal Auditor, subject to checks by the External Auditor. This parish council for many years has avoided borrowing money. The Precept is calculated each year by reference to identified needs, with an allowance for contingencies. This means that sometimes it goes up; sometimes it goes down, like the last financial year. For the current year ending 31st March 2026 it needed to go up. Council Tax paid by a household in a Band D dwelling in Eggescliffe Civil Parish now includes £23.93 for the year for the Parish Council, i.e., 46p per week (about half the cost of a 2nd class postage stamp!).

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ROAD SAFETY UPDATE IN EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE



Road safety remains a focus for Eggescliffe and Eaglescliffe council, where efforts are ongoing to ensure safer streets. You may be aware of a proposal by ward councillors to create a parking bay for police vehicles along Yarm Road, near the golf club, aimed at facilitating mobile speed enforcement. This measure is designed to address concerns about speeding and enhance compliance with traffic regulations, contributing to a safer environment for all.

Additionally, the council is advocating for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit outside Durham Lane School, on Amberley Way, to bring it in line with other primary schools in the parish. We hope to improve safety for children and families during school hours, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. By reducing traffic speeds in this area, we aim to minimise accidents and encourage active transportation, such as walking and cycling, among school-goers.



Do you support a 20mph zone on Amberley Way? What about in the wider parish? Tell us here [QR Code] or contact the clerk via any means listed.

Snippets

Eaglescliffe Station

Welcoming additional stops and destinations, Eaglescliffe is once again an important station!

Durham Lane

Having cut back hedgerows last year to make space for a foot- and cycle-path between Eggescliffe School and Elton A66 interchange, Stockton Council hope to tell us in May when the installation of the new path will be scheduled.

CHECK WHAT'S ON & SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VENUES

This newsletter cannot carry details of all coming events due to its twice yearly issue, so it's worth keeping your eyes open on notice boards, social media and the local press. We are privileged to be served here by community halls, with charitable status, run by volunteers. They are:

Eggescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane: <http://www.eggescliffeparishhall.co.uk/what-s-on.html>
Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane <https://www.eggcomctr.co.uk/upcoming-events>

📞 Enquires and bookings: 07583 465295

Eaglescliffe Village Hall, 590A, Yarm Road <http://www.teesvalleyvillagehalls.net/eaglescliffe.html>

Parish Website

Parish councillors are in the process of commissioning a new, more modern parish website and looking for other ways to connect with the digital community (such as social media). At the moment, you can find us at <http://www.eggescliffeand eaglescliffe-pc.org.uk/index.php> but this will change soon, so keep your eyes peeled. Currently, you can find information and tools such as: Defib finder to identify nearby defibrillators; travel planning; link to SBC

Planning portal to view planning applications and dates of our meetings.



Anti Social Behaviour (ASB): Advocating for a Safer Community



As with most government bodies, the police service is stretched and therefore must target where its resources will be most effective. Although it may sometimes seem random, this is determined by data; despatching units to "hot spots" - areas that generate the most alerts. This means that if we wish to see a higher police presence in the area, we must **report all disturbances** as soon as we aware of them, don't assume someone else will do it.

You can call, or e-mail using the details below, or if you prefer to use an app, try the COPA (Cleveland Online Policing App) App. Scan the QR code to learn more about it.

Civic Enforcement Service Tel: 01642 607943

Email civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk

Download and learn more about COPA: <https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/how-can-we-help/>

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Council meetings are usually held on a Thursday early each month at All Saints Church, Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe. These meetings are open to the public and press. If there's something you want to discuss with your Councillors, please come along, you are welcome to observe from 7pm and there are opportunities at 8pm to speak at the meeting.

Forthcoming meetings are:- 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 4th September & 2nd October 2025

Check our website <http://www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including the dates of committee meetings.

Become a councillor!

For further information, please contact the Clerk.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Anti-social Behaviour: If you are experiencing Anti Social Behaviour in your area, contact the Civic Enforcement Service or use the COPA app.

In an emergency contact the police.



Civic Enforcement Service Tel: 01642 607943 *Email: civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk*

Your concerns will be passed on to a dedicated officer for that area who will be able to offer advice and information, and take action where necessary.

Neighbourhood Policing Call 101.

In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, ring 999

Care For Your Area Tel. 01642 391959 *Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk*

Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly-tipping (removal), etc.

Street Lighting Tel. **01642 391959** Damaged or defective street lights - quote the identification number from the light, bollard or sign and the address of the closest building or road name.

Samaritans 116123 Free any time from any phone. Local branch **01642 217777** (charges apply)

COMMENTS

If you would like to comment, raise suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!) or on any items in this newsletter, please contact the council by email, telephone, via the QR code attached, or by letter with your contact details, which will only be used for the purpose of responding to your comments and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.



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