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**Tree Preservation Orders**

Most people enjoy having trees and hedges as part of the village scene and find that they enhance the area. They mask unsightly development, add interest and variety, and make the place look more mature. They make homes feel more secluded and give privacy, make us feel more “villagey” and less urban, support wildlife and enhance air quality.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) are put in place by Rushcliffe Borough Council to protect individual trees, groups of trees, areas containing trees, or woodland, from deliberate damage or destruction. For a TPO to be made, trees should make a significant visual contribution to their local surroundings. This means that they should be important when seen from public places or a significant number of private premises. Other factors include the extent of any threat to the trees and their condition.

Where there is a TPO in place the landowner or developer should apply to Rushcliffe beforehand for consent to prune or fell the tree. Reasonable work will not be refused, and there is a right of appeal against conditions or refusal. If you would like to check if a particular tree has a TPO, contact Rushcliffe Borough Council on 0115 981 9911 or email [customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

Within the Conservation Area anyone who wants to fell, prune, or undertake other work to most trees has to give Rushcliffe Borough Council six weeks' notice. This gives them time to consider whether or not to place a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the tree. Notification forms can be downloaded from Rushcliffe's Website or emails detailing the location of trees and the extent of work can be sent to: [Design&Conservation@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:Design&Conservation@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

There are some exemptions relating to hedgerows and small trees or trees which are dead or dangerous. If in doubt Rushcliffe will be happy to advise you whether a notification is required.

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## Rest Garden Update



Progress on this project has been frustratingly slow. After the overgrown trees were removed last Autumn, it took some time to arrange to have the stumps ground out. Then we waited for some of the fencing around the old playground to be relocated to the side and back of the Rest Garden.

The remaining tasks for this phase of the work are:

- ♦ To dig over the area to the left of the path, where the trees were removed. If any resident would like to help with this, please feel free to do a bit of digging for us! There is a white bag for weeds and roots excavated. This work has to be completed before any of the following can commence.
- ♦ To seed the front section as a lawn.
- ♦ To plant around 50 colourful shrubs / plants in the remaining area. A specific day will be nominated for people to get involved in the planting.
- ♦ To install a shelter / seating area at the back of the Rest Garden.
- ♦ To resurface the path.
- ♦ To install a memorial seat

As you may know, we were successful in being awarded £10,000 for this project by Tesco's Bags of Life scheme. This should cover the work already done and the costs of the remaining tasks.

## CCTV



Be aware that CCTV cameras are now monitoring the Gotham Road Recreation Ground including the skate park and the new fenced play area. The police have 24 hour access to the cameras and playback and recording facilities allow for the pictures to be kept over a long period of time. The recording facility is based in the police station so movement is monitored live and as it happens.

## OLDERSHAW TRUST LAND



The Oldershaw Trust Land, the small area of land off Costock Road opposite Meeting House Close, is held in Trust by the Parish Council as a recreation ground for the benefit of all inhabitants of the village.

For many years it has contained a set of 5-a-side football nets and a "basketball" game, and until a few years ago contained a single set of flat seat swings. The independent playground inspector has, however, always considered this area as unsuitable as a children's playground because of the need for them to have to cross a busy road.

The Parish Council now seek your views on the best way to develop/improve this community land, with the following being no more than suggestions for consideration:

- ♦ Install new swings – say a set of cradle swings and a set of flat seat swings. There are suitable swings remaining in the old playground, but we are advised that it will probably cost as much to move them as it will to purchase new ones.
- ♦ Use part of the land to create a "Community Orchard", but if this was taken forward it would have to be on the understanding that it was a community project, maintained by and for the benefit of the community. The Parish Council would be willing to fund the purchase of the trees but do not have the resources to manage such a venture.
- ♦ Keep the land as an open space available for community use such as Youth Club picnics etc.

Please let us know what you think by sending an Email to [parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk), telephone 01509 852217 or leave a comment on the Parish Council Facebook page.



## Dates for Diary

Village Show—3rd September 2016  
Christmas Lights Switch-on—26th November 2016

## Friends of East Leake?

**W**hat do you think to the idea of forming / organising a group of like-minded folk—who have a passion for East Leake and

the way it looks? Something like “Friends of East Leake” to have working parties with specific projects for instance weeding a flower bed, planting, pruning, digging, litter picking – you may have ideas/suggestions of your own. The Parish Council would like to hear from you! There are many areas of the village that require a bit of TLC and it would be a way of making new friends, getting some fresh air and exercise – but at the same time making our village look even better.

## Carnival

**D**espite a grim weather forecast for 25<sup>th</sup> June we were incredibly lucky that we got to 8pm before the heavens opened! The “Disney” theme for the parade proved very popular

with some fabulous costumes putting on a colourful show for spectators who came out in droves. The atmosphere on the park was buzzing – families set up camp for the duration – stalls were bustling – it was great to see the community come together! We were entertained into the evening by some very talented local acts who kept us dancing until late – even in the rain!!

The Carnival is organised by a very dedicated group of volunteers who work very hard throughout the day and often don't get to see much of the event! To this end the Carnival Committee are looking to increase the work force on the day – so if you'd like to get involved please contact the Parish Office or email [mel.roper@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mel.roper@hotmail.co.uk) and we will keep you informed. Jobs include: erection of stalls, marshalling the parade, rubbish management, collapse of stalls and much more! Remember – it feels good to give a little back and the more people that get involved, the smaller the job becomes!

## Recycling Centre



**A**s you are aware East Leake has two recycling centres – in the Co-Op Car Park and in the Gotham Road Car Park. In consultation with you and Rushcliffe

Borough Council, the Parish Council is seeking to improve the look of the village centre. Due to its increase in size, the recycling bank on Gotham Road has become over intensive and unattractive.

- ♦ 3-4 car parking spaces are lost in a central village location
- ♦ When the bins are being emptied the access is impeded.
- ♦ For visitors to East Leake using that car park it is the first thing they see and the last on leaving. It is next to a very nice out-door eating & drinking establishment
- ♦ Occasionally rubbish, glass and the bins themselves end up on the play ground.
- ♦ Parking to use the bins is difficult due to their proximity to the entrance

Rushcliffe Borough Council would prefer to leave the site as it is but screen the area off. Alternatively, another site could be considered. What do you think? We are seeking your views and ideas. Contact the Parish Council with your opinions at [parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk)

## Public Toilets



**T**he Parish Council is sorry to have to report the often unacceptable use of the public toilets in the village. Used toilet paper on the floor, dirty nappies left on the floor—bins are provided.

Food found in cubicles and worse still excrement on the floor at the side of the toilets and on the walls. The Police are aware of this abuse and you are asked to report any inappropriate behaviour /use of the facilities to the police.

## East Leake Playing Fields Charity



The East Leake Playing Fields Charity was set up in 1965 to provide recreation & sports facilities for the use and benefit of the people of East Leake. Today, this translates into managing the facility known locally as the Costock Road Playing Fields. Part of the facility, known as the Old Pavilion, dates from the late 1950s and, despite a degree of refurbishment some years ago, is in an advancing state of dilapidation and in desperate need of replacement.

As the community has grown rapidly in recent years, a significant amount of funding has been set aside by developers to improve the facilities on the Costock Road site. This means that as residents of East Leake, we have an exciting, once in a lifetime opportunity to create an up-to-date sport and leisure hub right in the heart of the community.

An online survey has been set up to gather information from the community, and the results will provide us with critical evidence about how the people of East Leake want to use this facility. Grant-givers and other funding sources will need to see this before they agree to help us with additional funding.

So please spare a little of your time to complete our survey. You can access the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ELPFCOP>

## Health Centre Car Park

**Short Stay**  
Maximum 4 hours  
East Leake Parish Council

It is very good to have the extra parking spaces available in the Health Centre Car Park.

The Parish Council is also very grateful to the Co-op for agreeing to the installation of the pedestrian link footpath.

As the name suggests, this car park was designed to be short stay, to enable it to serve patients at the Health Centre. However there are a significant number of cars which park there all day. The Parish Council will shortly be erecting notices reminding people that the maximum stay in this car park is 4 hours. In the interests of patients, please respect this limit.

## East Leake Conservation Area

Conservation areas are places of "special interest" where it is especially important to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area. There are 29 of them in Rushcliffe. East Leake's was first designated in 1973, last revised in 2008 and is now due to be reviewed by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

If you live in a Conservation Area you benefit from the extra planning processes that give more thought to how the whole area is developed to keep it special. Studies show that house prices tend to be higher within conservation areas. If you want to make changes to visible aspects of your home there may be additional permission you need to obtain from Rushcliffe, who will advise on this.

Following the village drop-in day on 9 April the Parish Council has submitted suggestions to Rushcliffe for changes to the boundary of the area, mainly:

- ♦ extend along West Leake Road
- ♦ add some small areas along Brookside
- ♦ include the shops on Gotham road
- ♦ include the whole of the Co-op and Bull's Head car parks, currently only partly included

The details are on the Parish Council's website. Rushcliffe will consider these proposals when they undertake the review, and consult fully on any changes.



## EAST LEAKE VILLAGE HALL

Charity Registration No. 217061

### VILLAGE SHOW

**Saturday 3rd September 2016**

Staging of Exhibits	- 9.00 am - 11.00am
Judging	- 11.30 am
Doors Open to the Public	- 1.30pm
Prize Giving	- 3.00 pm

Followed by Sale of Produce

**Entry by Programme or at the Door - £1**

