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Shaping our Village Centre Ideas and Visioning Evening Wednesday 18th April 7.00pm East Leake Village Hall

East Leake has more houses and more people; there is more traffic in the Village Centre. What needs to change? What opportunities are there to develop a stronger and better place for us all?

- We are proud of our environment and rich heritage
- The T-junction area serves neither pedestrians nor traffic very well
- Could the centre change to prioritise people over traffic?
- How can we make it more of a social and community space?
- Do we need more shops and facilities?
- What “growth” do we want the authorities to invest in for our future?

The Parish Council is developing a vision to influence future changes to the shape and feel of the village centre.

Come along and have your say—we want your views and we need your ideas.

There will be a video and speaker, and the formal business of the Annual Parish Meeting—full details available from the Parish Council Office, Facebook or the Website.

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Planning



East Leake has now already had 1062 new homes approved during the planning period 2013-2028, against the

“minimum 400” we were allocated by Rushcliffe. This includes 235 homes on Rempstone Road allowed at appeal in November, despite our strong opposition. Many thanks to everyone who is making the time to comment via the Rushcliffe planning portal and the Planning Inspectorate. The second Lantern Lane site (another 195) has been refused twice by Rushcliffe, but is now at appeal. The public inquiry will be held June 19 to 22 at Rushcliffe Arena. We are pressing for at least one day of the inquiry to be held in East Leake though. Either way you can attend – ask to speak, listen to what is said or just be there to show you care.

The Parish Council remains concerned about the speed and extent of housing growth, access arrangements, road safety issues, and the cumulative impact on the infrastructure, including the Health Centre, primary school places, sewerage. We are doing everything we can to highlight and help to resolve these issues.

We have a nationwide petition running to draw attention to the impact of explosive housing growth on East Leake and other communities – please sign the petition and encourage friends and family to do so. If it reaches 10,000 signatures the government will have to respond. See <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/207538>

DIG FOR YOUR HEALTH



Allotments have been shown to be good for our health in many ways – lots of fresh air, a physical work out, a chat to our neighbours and the joy of producing and eating your own fresh fruit and vegetables.

SO WHY NOT COME AND JOIN OUR GREEN GYM !!

We have several plots available and, with spring just around the corner, now would be a good time to get started. eastleakeallotments@gmail.com

Police Contact Point



Hopefully you are all aware that Nottinghamshire Police have moved from the rented space behind the Gotham Road shops and are now sharing use of the Fire Station.

This move saves money and allows scarce resources to be spent on front line policing.

Note that the police are NOT resident at the Fire Station, but are using it as a convenient local base. They have arranged regular appointment times when an officer will be present to discuss any issues with residents. The dates / times are advertised on local noticeboards and on the Police's social media site.

As before, if you wish to report a crime, telephone 999 or 101 depending on the urgency. The appointment sessions are designed for you to raise issues that concern you, and to seek advice. Your local police team is available to discuss, advise and offer help to resolve any neighbourhood or local community issue including anti-social behaviour and any situation where it is believed a crime may have occurred.

PLEASE take advantage of these sessions. As with most things, use it or lose it! There is no point in officer time being spent waiting for non-existent discussions with members of the public.

SKATE PARK



Don't worry, we have not forgotten about this and the Parish Council is actively working on obtaining a replacement.

We have £45,000 in Reserves earmarked for this project and are working on an application for matched funding from Rushcliffe Borough Council. Other sources of funding are also being explored – the more we have to spend, the better the new facility will be.

In the meantime we have already contacted a number of potential suppliers, most of whom are keen to work with us and the likely users.

We Need your Help—dog walkers, nature lovers, all of you!



At this time of year many small attractive birds fly thousands of miles from Africa to nest in this area. Many of them build nests on or close to the ground.

We have put up notices in **Meadow Park** to ask dog walkers to put their dogs on leads in just **one** field—there are **seven** other fields with no restrictions—for the next few months to avoid disturbing these birds. **Please spread the word!**

Also we would like your help in finding out why the boundary hedge/fence between Little Meadow and Lagoon Field is being vandalised. The police have been informed and the Parish Office will pass on any information.

WI



East Leake WI is celebrating 90 years since our first meeting was held in March 1928 in the Wesleyan School Rooms. Nowadays we meet in the village hall, which is built on land bought with money, raised mainly by the WI, in the 1930s.

We would love to have lots of new members. We have a speaker every month, go on walks, lunch outings, hold craft sessions and take part in village events. If you join the WI you also have access to a wide variety of craft, social and sports events held throughout Nottinghamshire, as well as the chance to go to the WI college in Oxfordshire which has a huge selection of courses.

Speakers coming up this year include 'the History of Marks and Spencer', 'Rummage Through a Tudor Handbag', 'Christmas Crafts', 'Agatha Christie', 'Bradgate Park' and 'the Kennedy Family'. For more information go to www.thewi.org.uk, or look at our programme online at www.east-leake.co.uk, or contact Catherine Cleaver on 856711.

East Leake Community Speed Watch



Speed Watch is a group of volunteers who work with the local police to raise awareness of speeding. To date the group has worked hard to set up procedures, relationships etc to get this initiative off the ground, and is currently looking for additional volunteers and also for someone to step up as organiser.

As a volunteer you will be given full training and have complete choice as to how many sessions (typically about 2 hours) you cover and the timing of these. The work involves setting up and operating the information signs and speed gun at the side of the road, plus a small amount of paperwork.

The organiser role entails getting everyone's availability and setting up sessions and communicating with the police and Parish Office for access to the equipment. It shouldn't take more than a couple of hours a month.

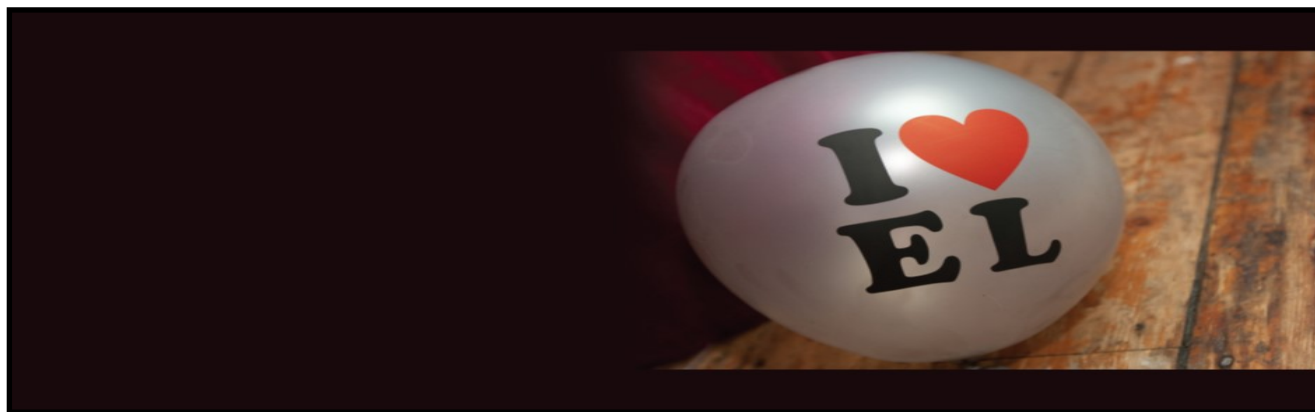
Many residents are concerned about speeding in and around the village and this is a very practical way to address the issue. Please consider giving up a very small amount of your time to help. If you are interested in volunteering, please email your contact details to plan@eastleake.net or contact the Parish Council on 01509 852217 or pop in to the Parish Office Monday to Friday between 9.00 and 13.00.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE



As the Rates Demand notices came through your letter box you will no doubt have been pleased to see that the Parish Council element has only risen by 2.07% this year. This doesn't mean that the Parish Council does not have ongoing projects for the future, but one of the advantages of the new houses in the village is that there are more households to share the burden.

To see the figures in detail, or if you have any questions, come along to the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on 18th April.



EAST LEAKE COMMUNITY PLAN GROUP

MEET YOUR VILLAGE EVENT

SATURDAY 7th APRIL 2018

EAST LEAKE VILLAGE HALL

9.30 am TO 1.00 pm

DROP IN AND SEE US.

*MANY VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED INCLUDING
VILLAGE TRADERS, EARLY YEARS, CHURCHES,
SPORTS CLUBS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CHARITIES*

*#WDYT—Rushcliffe Borough Council Initiative for Retailers in East Leake. For further information contact the Parish Office

Dates for your Diary



- ◆ 7th April 2018—Meet Your Village—EL Village Hall
- ◆ 9th April 2018—#WDYT, EL Village Hall*
- ◆ 18th April 2018—Annual Parish Meeting
- ◆ 19-22 June Public Inquiry for Lantern Lane Planning Appeal
- ◆ 23rd June—East Leake Carnival
- ◆ 8/9/10th September— EL Live, various locations
- ◆ 9th September—Village Show, EL Village Hall
- ◆ 24th November—Christmas Lights Switch-on

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 18th April 2018



All residents of East Leake are invited to attend the Annual Meeting on 18th April at 7pm in the Village Hall. The main focus, as you will see from elsewhere in this Newsletter, is for everybody to discuss ideas for reshaping our village centre. We also need to fulfil the statutory requirements of presenting the reports and accounts on the Parish Council's activities during 2017/18. We will seek to keep these formal aspects as short as possible, whilst allowing you time to raise any issues of concern. PLEASE make every effort to attend, if only to help shape YOUR village.