

East Goscote

LONG FURROW

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



AUGUST 2026

Sponsored by Josiah Hincks and East Goscote Parish Council



UPCOMING EVENTS



**FAMILY FUN DAY
& YARD SALE**
2nd August



**GUIDED WALKS AROUND
THE VILLAGE**
14th & 28th September



**QUIZ NIGHT AT THE
VILLAGE HALL**
26th September



JOSIAH HINCKS SOLICITORS

Law in your Language

- AGRICULTURAL
- COMPANY & PARTNERSHIP
- EMPLOYMENT
- FAMILY & DIVORCE
- FINANCIAL SERVICES CLAIMS
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- LANDLORD & TENANT
- LITIGATION & DISPUTES
- PROPERTY CONVEYANCING
- TRUST & TAX PLANNING
- WILLS & PROBATE

Our offices are open.

Free initial telephone consultations are available please contact us on the telephone numbers below or visit our website.

0116 344 0210

Fax: 0116 290 1994

1255 Melton Road, Syston, Leicester LE7 2JT

Email: info@josiahhincks.co.uk



0116 255 1811
Fax: 0116 290 1994
22 De Montfort Street
Leicester LE1 7GB

0116 200 1998
Fax: 0116 290 1994
81 St John's, Enderby
Leicester LE19 2BS

0116 264 3430
Fax: 0116 290 1994
33 Leicester Road, Blaby
Leicester LE8 4GR

01780 751226
Fax: 0116 290 1994
14 Sheep Market
Stamford PE9 2RB

01530 835041
Fax: 0116 290 1994
39-41 Belvoir Road
Coalville LE67 3PD

01455 618763
Fax: 0116 290 1994
23 Station Road, Hinckley
Leicester LE10 1AW

01858 462462
Fax: 0116 290 1994
41 High Street
Market Harborough LE16 7NL

www.josiahhincks.co.uk

DOWNLOAD THIS EDITION AT

<https://eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk/long-furrow/>

Hello...

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the summer edition of Long Furrow. This issue is packed with news from the many groups, clubs, and volunteers who help make East Goscote such a vibrant and welcoming community.

Whether you're enjoying local events, spending time outdoors, or simply catching up with neighbours, we hope you have a wonderful summer. Thank you to everyone who contributes to and supports Long Furrow - we couldn't do it without you. Enjoy this edition!

EDITOR / TREASURER

Charlotte Turlington

07599 442064

long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk.

c/o The Parish Office, Village Hall, Long Furrow.

Please address any letters for the Attn. of Long Furrow Magazine.

COMMITTEE

David Cannon

John Malpus

Carren Tate

COPY DEADLINES

1st October 2026

1st January 2027

1st April 2027

1st July 2027

PUBLICATION DATES

1st November 2026

1st February 2027

1st May 2027

1st August 2027

IN THIS EDITION

- Parish Council News
- Become a Councillor
- Charnwood WI
- Help our Wildflower Areas Bloom
- Family Fun Day
- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides News
- East Goscote Eco Hub
- Broomfield School News
- Bizzy Bees Preschool Update
- Village Hall Activities and Events
- County Councillor Update
- Scouts, Beavers, Cubs and Squirrels News
- St Hilda's Church News
- Library Update



ABOUT LONG FURROW

Long Furrow is published by the Editorial Committee made up of residents of East Goscote.

Please note that all photographs that appear in Long Furrow are copyright and cannot be used without the owner's permission.

Long Furrow retains the right to edit or refuse articles if it is deemed necessary. Anonymous items will not be published unless details of the writer are made known confidentially to the editor of Long Furrow.

The views expressed in Long Furrow are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent those of the editorial panel.

The Long Furrow Committee would like to thank East Goscote Parish Council for their support in producing LONG FURROW.



LONG FURROW NEEDS YOU

We like to think Long Furrow is part of the glue that holds our community together.

We have an on-going need for help with distribution, articles and advertisements. Get in touch with the editorial team if you think you can help.

AND THANK YOU

To our sponsors, our contributors, our helpers and our advertisers. Without you, Long Furrow simply would not happen.



EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Parish Council Website: The Parish Council website has moved to a new hosting provider, with the new site going live on 2nd June 2026. Residents are encouraged to visit the new website to access the latest news, information and services:

www.eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk

New Community Noticeboard: A new community noticeboard will be installed on Lilac Way, replacing the old one which has been removed due to deterioration.

Help Enhance Our Wild Areas: Residents are invited to help improve the village's wild areas by collecting and donating seeds. Please see the related article on page 5 for further information.

Caring for Our Green Spaces: The Parish Council continues to maintain the areas previously managed by Greener Goscote. A volunteer has now been appointed as Tree Warden for the Queen's Green Canopy trees beside The Mound. In addition, two new wildflower beds will be created at the field entrance, while the existing beds will be refurbished to further enhance these important areas.



Tree Survey Now Available: The latest village tree survey is now available to view on the Parish Council website, providing useful information about the village's important tree stock.

Grass Cutting Service: Earlier this year, the Parish Council agreed to take responsibility for grass cutting on behalf of Leicestershire County Council. The mowing season is now underway and residents will benefit from seven grass cuts during the year, compared with the six cuts previously carried out by the County Council. The Parish Council will be reimbursed for the cost of this work, allowing the village to benefit from an improved service.

Dog Waste Bins: The Parish Council recently reviewed the provision of dog waste bins within the village. Following the removal of five bins in 2025, there are

currently 45 bins available across East Goscote. As there have been very few complaints and no evidence of problems at former locations, the current provision appears to be meeting local needs. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Tennis Court Memberships: Annual membership (May– April) for residents is £11, and a new online booking system is available through the Parish Council website.



Play Area Improvements: The new wetpour safety surfacing was installed earlier this year thanks to funding from the National Lottery. The improved surface provides a safer and more durable environment for local children.

Pavilion Improvements: The Parish Council has received some remaining Section 106 funding and has agreed to use these funds to provide a new storage unit at the pavilion.

Supporting Local Scouts: The Parish Council has signed a new lease agreement with the Scout Group for the use of a fenced area behind the Scout Hut, supporting the continued development of local scouting activities.

Beat Surgeries: The local police beat team will be holding beat surgeries on the following dates between 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon:

Wednesday 26th August at the Library

Saturday 5th September in the Shopping Precinct

Wednesday 28th October at the Library



Save the Date – Christmas Afternoon Tea: We're delighted to announce that this year's Afternoon Tea for residents aged 65 and over will take place on Saturday 12th December 2026 in the Village Hall. It's always a lovely festive occasion and we hope you'll join us. More details will follow in the next edition.

Get Involved: There are currently 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors. For more information about the role of a Parish Councillor, please see the article on page 3.

Issues can be reported to the relevant authorities using the QR Codes below

Report Fly Tipping



Report Dog Concerns



Report Road Issues





EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

**EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
CURRENTLY HAS VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC TO BECOME PARISH
COUNCILLORS.**

The Role of a Parish Councillor

Do you have an interest in your local environment, local transport, local government finances, amenities, planning and housing issues, community events, and / or anti-social behaviour and policing?

A parish councillor plays a key role – representing the views of residents, ensuring parish facilities are well maintained, and shaping the future of the community.

Most people decide to become a councillor because they feel the life experience they have can help improve the local community.

Our current councillors had this to say:

“I find being part of a productive team extremely rewarding, more importantly, I find the thought of giving back to my local community an added bonus for the support the community has offered my family over the last few decades.”

“Having been previously employed as caretaker to maintain the open spaces, I now enjoy being involved in the decisions that shape the future of the village.”

Who can become a Parish Councillor

Although there are no specific qualifications required to become a councillor, there are certain criteria that must be met; namely being aged 18 years and over, eligible to vote and have lived or worked in the parish of East Goscote for 12 months or more, or within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

How do I get involved

If you believe that you have the skills and passion to become a Parish Councillor and feel you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community, local issues and make a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work, then this is the position for you!

If following an election there are seats available, the council will consider co-option. East Goscote Parish Council expects all candidates to put their request in writing and confirm their eligibility for office.

If you would like to see what it's involved, come along to the next Full Council Meeting (dates on the website).

**If you would like to be considered
for co-option, please contact the
Clerk on 0116 260 2202 or email
clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk.**

June 2026



Where wonderful
women meet!

Who are we? The Charnwood Wlgs are a less traditional, fun & friendly, women's institute group.

What do we do? We enjoy a wide range of interesting speakers, activities and crafts.

Where do we meet? Beedles Lake Golf club,
170 Broome Ln, East Goscote, Leicester LE7 3WQ

When do we meet? Last Thursday of the month
(Jan – Nov) 7.30pm

Call Claire on 07751642141 or come along to one of our meetings,
you can come as a visitor (£5 charge) up to 3 times before deciding
if you want to join us. We hope to see you soon!

QUALITY HOMECARE IN YOUR OWN HOME

Right at Home Loughborough

are proud to deliver care in Loughborough,
Shepshed, Sileby, Rothley, Mountsorrel, Quorn,
Birstall, Syston, Groby, Markfield, East
Goscote, Queniborough and Rearsby.



Our highly trained CareGivers can support you:

- Elderly Care
- Respite Care
- Specialist Care
- Companionship
- Hospital to Home
- Personal Care
- Dementia Care
- Alzheimer's Support

Contact us today: **01509 279360**

www.rightathome.co.uk/loughborough

Call now for a
FREE
care assessment



Help Our Wildflower Area Bloom!

Calling All Gardeners, Walkers and Nature Lovers!

We are inviting our wonderful community to help enhance the beautiful wildflower haven at the Jubilee Playing Fields.

Do you have flowers in your garden that produce seeds? Do you spot wildflowers such as poppies, cornflowers, ox-eye daisies, or other native blooms in open spaces where seed collection is permitted? If so, we'd love your help!



 **Collecting seeds is a simple way to support local wildlife and help us create a colourful, thriving wild area for everyone to enjoy.** 

By gathering and donating seeds, you'll be helping to provide:

-  Food for bees and pollinators
-  Habitat for butterflies and insects
-  Beautiful displays of flowers throughout the seasons
-  A richer natural environment for future generations

How You Can Help

1. Collect mature seeds from your garden or suitable open spaces where collection is allowed.
2. Place them in an envelope or paper bag and, if possible, label them with the flower name.
3. Drop them into one of our Seed Collection Boxes.

Seed Collection Box Locations:

- School Reception
- Village Library

Every seed, no matter how small, can help our wildflower area flourish.

Let's Grow Something Wonderful Together!

With your support, we can transform part of our playing fields into a vibrant patchwork of colour that benefits wildlife and brings enjoyment to the whole village.

Thank you for helping our community bloom!



EAST GOSCOTE FAMILY FUN DAY & YARD SALE

Come by the Jubilee Playing Field for family fun including small business stalls, food and drink stalls, bouncy castles, live music and more! Have a walk around the village and stop by all the different houses participating in the yard sale too and grab yourself a bargain!

All in aid of the charity Bamboozle!

 Sunday
2nd August 2026

 10:00 AM
3:00 PM

 Jubilee Playing
Field, East
Goscote
LE7 3WX

CONTACT US

 eastgoscoteyardsale
@gmail.com



TENNIS COURT MEMBERSHIP

**1ST MAY -
30TH APRIL**

JOIN NOW!
£11.00
(RESIDENT RATE)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE



W&G Wheeler & Green LLP

WILLS & LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY SERVICES

We provide a face to face service in the comfort of your own home so we can talk through your options and our local home visits are at no extra cost. We'll see the process through with a visit to take your instructions and a further visit to supervise the signing and witnessing of your documents, with support and guidance in between.

We are competitively priced with Wills starting at £190 and Couples Lasting Power of Attorneys at £800. If after reading this you want to know more then please get in touch.



07442 670570



info@wheelerandgreenllp.co.uk



www.wheelerandgreenllp.co.uk



I am pleased to say that the 2nd East Goscote Rainbow unit will be starting on Tuesday 1st September 4.45-5.45pm at East Goscote Village Hall.

If you have a daughter, who would be interested and is 4 and 6 years old, then go onto the Girlguiding website and enter your details.

Brownies



This term we have been away on pack holiday and had an amazing time. The girls took part in Go-Carting, Cycling, Grass sledging, Zip wire, Assault course and lots more.

We invited a Lady called Lisa from the Village to come along one evening and she taught the girls K-pop routines and acro dance.

Our "All about me" night, discussing emotions was a real success and the girls were totally involved in it, which was really positive.

We held our annual sports evening, which was great fun and made characters for Fathers Day.

We are ending the term with a newspaper fashion show and a trip to Rearsby for fishing.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and will see you back on Thursday 4th September.

Cheers Brown Owl

A Busy and Fun-Filled Term at Guides



1st East Goscote Guides

We have had a fantastic term at Guides, packed full of fun activities, new experiences, and opportunities to learn new skills together. One of the highlights of the term was our visit to Delish in Syston, where the girls enjoyed an evening of pottery painting. Everyone had a wonderful time getting creative and producing some fantastic pieces to take home. It was a fabulous evening filled with laughter, friendship, and plenty of artistic talent.

We were also delighted to receive a visit from some very special guests – the ducklings that Bizzy Bees Preschool kindly shared with us. The girls loved meeting them up close and learning more about how they grow and develop. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Throughout the term, we have continued to develop new skills and challenge ourselves. The girls put their sewing skills to the test, showing patience and perseverance while creating their projects. We have also been busy planting sunflowers and learning about how to care for them as they grow.

To round off a fantastic year, we held our much-loved Soggy Sports Day. Despite the wet theme, spirits were high as the girls took part in a variety of water-based games and activities. There was plenty of splashing, teamwork, laughter, and friendly competition, making it the perfect way to celebrate the end of another successful Guiding year.

We would like to thank all of our Guides and families for their continued support throughout the year. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for more adventures in the new term.

Rachel and Michelle, Volunteer Guide Leaders

EAST GOSCOTE ECO HUB

(Formerly the GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE)

August 2026 (No. 84)

WE ARE CREATING A SAFE VIRTUAL SPACE — CAN YOU HELP?

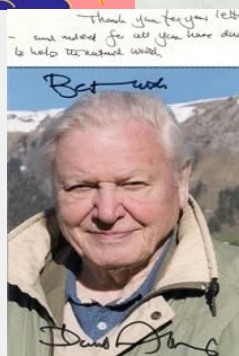
Are you a Facebook expert? If so you may be able to help us to create and expand a safe virtual space for our Eco Hub. In June, East Goscote Eco Hub changed from a private to a public Facebook Group. This is the latest incarnation of a group founded in 2019, which became Greener Goscote in 2020 and in April 2026 became a local Eco Hub. If you have expertise in how to expand a public Facebook group safely, please check out our group, get to know us and what we are about and maybe get in touch?



Interactive
Screening
Map



Here's a flavour
of East Goscote
Eco Hub



CONTACT US: East Goscote Eco Hub exists to promote real environmental sustainability in and around our village and beyond. For free advice on composting, recycling, biodiversity and climate change and for information on EG Eco Hub contact David on 07873852372, or email grenergoscote@outlook.com or find us, and maybe join us, on Facebook?

USEFUL LINKS:

www.lesswaste.org.uk www.completewasters.co.uk
www.recyclenow.com www.lovefoodhatewaste.com
www.leics.gov.uk www.charnwood.gov.uk
www.keepbritaintidy.org
www.hubbub.org.uk, WasteNot Leicestershire and The Green Place — What's On? on Facebook



Working with Nature





BROOMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

That's a wrap!

Another brilliant year at Broomfield!

As always at Broomfield, it has been a packed summer term. The term started with our Ofsted visit which we are very pleased to say went really well! The staff and children were fabulous.

We have had great sporting success with our mixed football team being the runners up in the League 1 finals at Wreake Valley and our girls team came first and came top of the league! Also in sport, our Year 3 children enjoyed taking part in a golf activity day at Beedles lake.

Our Year 3 children have also enjoyed being part of the Schools Linking Project and we have been linked with Mayflower Primary School in the city. Two of our children accompanied Mrs. Parish as Ambassadors to a final event at Rushey Mead.

We have all been very art inspired this term too. Our teachers and Y4 and Y6 have had a print workshop with Pasha Kincaid, our youngest children have enjoyed sketching, lots of us have been making sculptures or Greek pots out of clay and Year 1 have made some beautiful cushions too.

One highlight of our summer term is the Year 6 Takeover Day. Every child had a different job for the day and they loved every minute of it. It really gives them an insight into the realities and expectations of certain jobs.

As always there is simply too much to highlight but it has been another phenomenal term!



Thank you to all our families this year for their support.

We will be running our Open day sessions for new starters in October and November next term – please book a visit to see our amazing school in action!

Tel: 0116 2606704

www.broomfield.bepschools.org

<https://x.com/BroomfieldPri>





PROUD TO BE NAMED

BEST AGENT

IN POSTCODE!



THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITY
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CUSTOM!



SOLD STC

**BROOKFIELD STREET,
SYSTON**

Deceptively Spacious Four
Bedroomed End Terraced Home
Set Over Three Floors.



SOLD STC

**THE RINGWAY,
QUENIBOROUGH**

Three Bedroom Semi Detached
Property with Driveway And No
Upper Chain.



SOLD STC

**WELLINGTON STREET,
SYSTON**

Two Double Bedroom Detached
Bungalow with Garage Sold Via
Modern Auction Method.



SOLD STC

**GLEBE ROAD,
QUENIBOROUGH**

Two Bedroom Detached
Bungalow with Driveway and
Garage Parking.

WHAT OUR
CLIENTS SAY...



"I can't thank Paul enough for the care, professionalism and dedication he showed in selling my mum's house. I trusted him completely with something that meant a great deal to our family, and he absolutely delivered. Paul took the time to manage every aspect of the sale, arranging everything and guiding the process from start to finish. He was thorough, reliable, and always reassuring, which made what could have been a difficult time feel straightforward and well handled."



THINKING OF SELLING?

Choose a local award winning estate agent
who achieves great results!



Let's get
you moving...



01163 121321



Paul@homemoveEA.co.uk



www.homemoveEA.co.uk



@HomeMoveEA

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE | AWARD WINNING SERVICE | EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

A Fantastic Summer Term at Bizzy Bees



Bizzy Bees Preschool

Broomfield Primary School, East Goscote, Leicestershire

We have had a fantastic summer term at Bizzy Bees, filled with exciting learning opportunities, new experiences, and special celebrations. One of the highlights of the term was a visit from the team at Watermead Dental Practice. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of looking after their teeth and developing good oral hygiene habits. Through fun and engaging activities, they discovered how to keep their smiles healthy and bright.



This term also saw the launch of our exciting Bee Explorers programme, inspired by Forest School principles. The children have embraced outdoor learning opportunities, exploring the natural world around them and developing their confidence, curiosity, and independence through hands-on experiences.



We were also delighted to welcome Becky from the East Midlands Nature Park Team to the setting. Becky led a wonderful session encouraging the children to become nature detectives, exploring local habitats and identifying the amazing creatures, insects, and wildlife living in our environment. The children were fascinated by what they discovered and have been inspired to continue caring for and learning about nature in the months ahead.



As always, the children have been busy exploring, learning, and developing through a wide range of activities both indoors and outdoors. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence, friendships, and skills continue to grow throughout the term.

We have also enjoyed welcoming our new starters for September through a series of home visits. These visits have provided a lovely opportunity to get to know the children and their families, and we cannot wait to welcome them as they begin their Bizzy Bees journey.

Alongside these exciting beginnings, we have also said goodbye to our school leavers. While we will be sad to see them move on to their next adventure, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us. We celebrated in style with a wonderful Graduation Ceremony, sharing special moments with families and creating treasured memories that will last for years to come.

As another successful year comes to an end, we would like to thank all of our children, families, and staff for their continued support. We wish our school leavers every success as they start school and look forward to welcoming our new children to the Bizzy Bees family in September. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break!

We do still have spaces available for September. If you would like to arrange a visit and find out more about what Bizzy Bees has to offer, please contact Rachel on 07908 781652. We would be delighted to show you around and welcome you to our friendly preschool community.



If you would like to report any concerns to the Borough Councillors, please use the details below.

Laurie Needham: cllr.laurie.needham@charnwood.gov.uk
07807 399879

Sandra Woodward: cllr.sandra.woodward@charnwood.gov.uk
07823 889088

Chris O'Neill: cllr.chris.o'neill@charnwood.gov.uk
07855 812620

Quiz

1. Which Leicestershire village has the longest name by counting the individual digits?
2. Which make of car was once produced in Leicester?
3. Who scored 262 goals for Leicester City between 1923 and 1935?
4. How many clocks has the Leicester Clock Tower have?
5. What was the former name of Charnwood Forest?

Thank you to John Malpus for submitting these - Answers on the back page.

Birstall and District Art Society

Members meet for informal painting sessions on Friday mornings 9.30am to 12 noon at the Coop Sports & Social Club, Birstall and on Wednesday evenings at Wanlip Village Hall from 6.30 – 8.30pm. All abilities are welcome and those less experienced can benefit from the expertise of longer-standing members (if desired!). There is the opportunity to take part in taster sessions before deciding to join.

Demonstration evenings are held on the second Tuesday of most months at the Palmer Tomkinson Centre at the Cedars Academy, Birstall. These start at 6.45pm and there is a charge of £5 for non-members. On 9th June Steve Woodhams returns for an Experiment in Cubism and on 11th August, BADAS welcomes a new artist Chris Jay Rogers who will be focusing on skies and clouds in landscape, using soft pastel. Paul Berryman will demonstrate portraiture on 8th September.

For more information, please visit BADAS.uk

Latimer Players

Hot on the heels of their successful play 'The Park Bench', Latimer Players are happy to announce that their next production will be a murder mystery: **A Fateful Fête** — Someone's about to get their just desserts.

The bunting is up, the cakes are iced, and the parish council is doing its best to look organised. But beneath the cheerful chaos of sponge cakes, raffle prizes, and WI rivalries, tensions are rising — and not just in the Victoria sponge. With the village in shock, an investigator steps in to untangle a web of petty grudges, parish politics, suspicious baking, and questionable characters. Every character has something to hide, and every audience member becomes part of the investigation.

A Fateful Fête is a cosy, comedic murder mystery evening where you'll question the suspects, examine the clues, and decide who had the motive, means, and opportunity to turn a friendly village fête into a crime scene. Will you uncover the truth behind the chaos — or be led astray by red herrings, gossip, and the world's most dramatic cake table?

The production takes place at Thurstaston Memorial Hall on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th July. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The hall will be arranged with the popular café-style seating and the audience are invited to bring their own drinks and nibbles. There will be a performance and a chance to question the cast to decide 'who dunnit'. Tickets priced at £8 are available from Christine Deavin, by phoning 07740 477746 or email to christinedeavin@gmail.com

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Would you like to hire East Goscote Village Hall?

A WELCOMING SPACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In addition to occasional hire, we have availability to offer regular users the opportunity to enjoy weekly access to the hall; including fitness classes, arts and crafts workshops, or activities for children.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee is a friendly group that meets a few times a year to keep our cherished village hall thriving. We discuss everything from user groups and maintenance, as well as running regular activities at the hall. If you have a few spare hours a week and a passion for community involvement, join us!



MEET NEW PEOPLE • SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT LOCALLY

Interested? Get in touch today and be part of something special!

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

LONG FURROW, LE7 3ZL

LET'S
GET
MOVING

East Goscote Village Hall has joined Active Together in their Let's Get Moving Campaign, which aims to bring about positive Physical and Mental Wellbeing for residents in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

TABLE TENNIS

WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS
10.00 A.M. - 12.00 NOON
£3 PER PERSON

KURLING

1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
2.00 P.M. - 4.00 P.M.
£3 PER PERSON

BINGO

LAST THURSDAY
DOORS OPEN 2.00 P.M.
FROM £3 PER PERSON

For more information, please call
0116 260 2202 or email
admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk

EV Charging Point now available at East Goscote Village Hall

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL, LE7 3ZL

Wellbeing Walks

Two Guided Walks around East Goscote

Join David Cannon of East Goscote Eco Hub and Rod Axon, local historian, member of Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society, for two fascinating guided walks.

WHEN?
Mondays
14th and 28th
September

WHERE?
Meet at the
Village Hall
at 9.30am

HOW LONG?
Walks will be up to two hours
mostly level gentle walking.
Suitable for persons using
wheelchair and mobility
scooters. Distance is around
2.5 miles.
Finish at the Village
Hall for drinks,
biscuits and
a chat.

WHAT WILL YOU SEE?
The 'model' village of East Goscote was built
by Jelson on the site of ROF (The Royal
Ordnance Factories) Filling Factory No. 10
Queniborough, a war time munitions factory,
completed in September 1942.
You will see what remains of the factory today
including Queniborough Station (not in
Queniborough!) and see how Jelson developed
one of the best places to live in Charnwood.
East Goscote has one of the most
biodiverse areas in the Borough of
Charnwood. The Parish Council and
volunteer groups led by David Cannon
have also established new areas of
biodiversity.

THE ROUTE
Starts and ends at the Village Hall.
9.30am on Monday 14th and
Monday 28th September

HIGHLIGHTS
See the original Watergate on Melton Road –
water supply to Factory 10.
Walk along Melton Road, learning about the changes
over the last 80 years and how wartime requisitioning
of farm land affected the Rose 'garden' owned by
the Willk brothers.
See their two unique 1930s houses and how
Rearby Roses changed over time.
Down Broome Lane to the Wreake River to see
the last visible surviving building from the munitions
factory – Pumping Station no 5.
Rearby Wharf is nearby and was part of
the old Melton Navigation canal.
Back via Jubilee Playing Field to see the 'Mound'
and 'Queniborough Station' wildlife and biodiversity
areas.
The Mound consists of two buried former 'Group 9'
munitions Storage buildings, now a landscape and
biodiversity feature enjoyed by the whole village.

Step out. Discover local history. Enjoy nature. Connect.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Quiz Night

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

7:00 PM

£6 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE NIBBLES
MAX 6 PER TEAM
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

QUIZ . GAMES . FUN

FOR TICKETS CALL 0116 260 2202 OR EMAIL
ADMIN@EASTGOSCOTE-PC.GOV.UK



CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD



Building, Construction & Civil Engineering Contractor

Tel: 0116 260 6731 Mobile: 07702 546227

Email: tim@tlbconstruction.co.uk www.tlbconstruction.co.uk

**New build to Extensions
Self Build Private Developments
Block paving and Tarmacing
Drainage Construction
Reinforced Concrete & Formwork
Foundations & Formation Work**

***Local Authority Approved Contractor
Industrial Units
Sewer Connections
Carpark Construction
Accesses and Driveway Construction
*NRSWA Accredited**



Based in Queniborough, Leicestershire

**BIG Enough to Compete,
Small Enough to Care**

County Councillor Update - James Poland



I am writing this article at the end of June and I'm very much looking forward to the summer ahead. We are also of course entering the summer holiday season – if you're

going away this summer I hope you have a great time! If not, I hope you can still find the time to enjoy some time out locally (with the many parks, historic properties, woodland walks and country pubs Leicestershire and the wider East Midlands offers). I for one look forward to doing exactly that!

Melton Road pipes safety issue

You will have probably noticed the temporary fencing around the old utility pipes beside the road bridge over the brook on Melton Road. I have been working with Leicestershire County Council officers and East Goscote Parish Council over many months to establish exactly what the problem is and who is responsible for putting it right.

The issue centres on a number of old utility ducts which carry services across the brook. Over time, several of the metal pipes have become heavily corroded, with some deteriorating to the point where cables were exposed and hanging from the damaged pipework. This created an obvious safety concern, particularly given the location close to a well-used pedestrian route.

One of the biggest challenges has been identifying ownership of the various pipes. Investigations showed that two of the ducts belong to National Grid, which inspected them and concluded they did not currently require replacement. The damaged ducts with exposed cables were ultimately identified as belonging to British Telecom (Openreach/BT), following lengthy investigations by County Council officers involving utility searches and discussions with the relevant companies.

The crossing itself has existed for many years (dating back to when the military base was here) as a way of carrying utility services across the brook, but the ageing infrastructure has now reached the point where there is concern for safety (particularly of children who may use the pipes to cross the brook).

While responsibility for repairing the damaged utility ducts rests with the relevant utility companies, I have continued to press for measures to make the area safe in the meantime. I am therefore pleased that Leicestershire County Council has confirmed it will now replace the

temporary Heras fencing with permanent brook railings and warning signs.

A member of the Parish Council has also been in contact with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to ask them to inspect the pipes as the HSE have greater powers to compel companies to act than the County Council does. I will keep residents informed about any updates on this matter in future Long Furrow articles.

£17m fund launches to help Leicestershire households in crisis

A major new fund helping people experiencing a sudden financial crisis to secure essential items and build a more stable future is now live. Leicestershire County Council is using £17m of Government cash to run the scheme over the next three years.

The Crisis and Resilience Fund provides emergency payments for food, fuel or essential costs and longer-term practical help – such as debt management advice and help with reducing essential living costs - to prevent people reaching another crisis point.

Find out more at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/crisis-and-resilience-fund

Mix of measures to tackle record-breaking pothole surge

Maximising money to tackle a record-breaking surge in potholes in Leicestershire is at the heart of this year's highways maintenance programme. Nearly 3,000 pothole reports were received in February alone – a 271% increase on the same month last year – and 8,763 in total since last May.

Leicestershire County Council is drafting in extra staff to speed up inspections and temporary repair methods are being used to keep roads safe while teams work through unprecedented numbers. The work on potholes is part of the council's near £29m highways maintenance programme for 2026/27.

Report potholes via the council's Report It form www.leicestershire.gov.uk/report-a-road-problem or by calling 0116 305 0001.

If you need my help with anything please do get in touch.

James Poland CC

Tel: 07764 966677

Email: james.poland@leics.gov.uk

Facebook: Cllr James Poland

D.J.K Roofcare solutions
All types
of Roofing and
Guttering undertaken **FREE Estimates & Advice**

INDUSTRIAL & DOMESTIC

Family run business
Established over 25 Years
Free Quotations & Advice
100% reliable
Fully insured & guaranteed

New Roofs & UPVC • Flat Roofs • Leaks
Jet Washing • Moss removal

Telephone 07470 204060
0116 2986404

Email: djkroofcare@gmail.com
www.djk-roofcare.com



David Bramley
Foot Health
Practitioner

Home visiting foot care service.

For appointments please call
0116 2213532 or 0775 1141358

Free 24-hour
Mental Health
Helpline

Telephone

0808 800 3302

If you, or someone you care about, need urgent mental health support, call us 24 hours a day, seven days a week

We're here to listen and get you the support you need.



ICare Meals on Wheels **introduction special offer**



4 week special offer

Week 1 £5.50 per hot meal and sweet

Week 2 £7.25 per hot meal and sweet

Week 3 £8.50 per hot meal and sweet

Week 4 £9.50 per hot meal and sweet

Minimum of 4 meals per week and orders must be for 4 consecutive weeks.



Call ICare
to try a complimentary meal and sweet!

01858 469902

www.icarecuisine.co.uk | www.icaregroup.co.uk

EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS

SCOUTS

In between winter camp and May camp we had many Monday nights at the hall where we did lots of camp preparation, polishing up some of our key skills, crafts and our annual leaflet drop around the village for the fete. The weather took a drastic turn for our May camp; we enjoyed camping in the sun at the Oaks while staying cool with a water fight! We made use out of the campsite's pizza ovens, explored the black hole in search of lost sweets, touched up our shooting and archery skills and had an amazing trip out to the Climbing Station where the Scouts had a go at the climbing wall and bouldering. June so far has been very exciting; we started the month with, yet another successful fete and we got to debut our new tomahawks. A week later our Chief Scouters went on an expedition and successfully made it to Beacon Hill. Our Chief Scouters have now completed their Chief Scout awards and are looking forward to their presentation at County HQ. Near the end of the month the Scouts had an amazing time Sailing at the Syston Sailing Club and got to learn how to sail around safely using just wind power.

cubs

As the summer term flies, Cubs have been busy as usual. Back in April we had a party to celebrate 110 years of Cub Scouting. Then we embarked on doing the home help badge, this included ironing their Neckers, cleaning the kitchen at the scout hut and at home making a simple meal and keeping a room tidy, I'm sure parents liked this one. Before our camp in May we practiced pitching tents, and packing our kit. Then off we went on a very chilly May weekend to camp. Activities the cubs did were bouldering, grass sledging, wide games, build shelters, used Kelly kettle and many more activities. They have also learnt the 8 points on a compass, how to read maps and use a 4 figure grid reference. Before the end of term we have managed to hike from Hoby to Thrussington and will be off to Bradgate Park to pond dip.

BEAVERS

This term we have started our Outdoor Challenge Badge, we used the Merlin Bird App to identify the birds singing nearby. We have built a home for the bugs around us. We got ourselves in plenty of knots trying to tie our knots, we did this using 'strawberry lace' sweets, so you can imagine the Beavers wanted to

quickly learn how to tie them so they could eat the sweets! We have dabbled in our photography badge, our theme was 'playtime' we had great fun using some equipment like dinosaur feet which were little stilts you can walk around on, we had spinning plates, and ball in a cone, the aim was to take pictures of each other whilst having a go at all the activities and then compiling a collage of all the pictures with funny captions to showcase on our notice board. We are just about to embark on our Safety Badge and will be learning about Water Safety and crossing a railway line, I bet the trains don't pass when we cross the road but then come along all at once after we have walked off down the road. And our finale was Beaver Camp, we had a fabulous time on our 'Around the World' themed camp, we made Aborigine Masks, Boomerangs and Chinese Dragons. We went caving, which the Beavers absolutely loved, and some Go-Karting too. We made our own pizza's for dinner and we sat around the campfire munching our roasted marshmallows over the fire.

Squirrels

I can't believe that we have now been running a whole year!! We started with just 8 squirrels and have grown to 15. It's been an amazing first year and lots fun and adventures to come over the next 12 months. For our birthday we celebrated in style with our first ever weekend camp at The Oaks in Charnwood campsite. We were also joined by our friends from Mountsorrel. We had an amazing weekend doing the jungle train, tomahawks, black hole, super hero hunt and many more activities. We went on a visit to Brooksby college for their lambing event, we learnt about the farm and the animals and were very lucky to see piglets that were born that morning as well as the lambs in the barn. We have started our space badge this week and had great fun making bottle rockets and testing them out with the pump to see how far they fly.



@EastGoscoteScoutGroup



@EGoscoteScouts



www.eastgoscotescouts.org.uk

Local Home Care Provider Achieves Rare Outstanding CQC Rating



Radfield Home Care Leicester East is proud to announce that it has been awarded an **Outstanding** rating by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the highest rating available for care providers in England.

Based in Syston, the team provides high-quality home care and support to people across Leicester East and the surrounding communities. Achieving an Outstanding rating is a rare accomplishment, with only a small percentage of care services across England receiving the CQC's highest rating.

The CQC's report not only recognised the exceptional standards of care being delivered but also highlighted aspects of the service as

examples of best practice. Inspectors praised the organisation's person-centred approach, commitment to quality, and the positive impact it has on the lives of clients and their families.

This recognition reflects Radfield Home Care Leicester East's commitment to delivering care that goes beyond expectations, enabling people to remain independent, safe, and connected to the people, places, and activities that matter most to them.

Sona Bharkhada, Director of Radfield Home Care Leicester East said, "We are incredibly proud to have achieved an Outstanding rating from the CQC. This recognition reflects the passion, dedication and hard work of our entire team, who strive every day to provide exceptional care and support to our clients.

The team would like to thank its clients, families, and local partners for their continued trust and support, as well as the care professionals whose dedication, professionalism, and kindness make such achievements possible.

As a locally operated business covering Syston and the surrounding villages, Radfield Home Care Leicester East is proud to be setting the standard for exceptional home care across the region. While achieving an Outstanding rating is a milestone worth celebrating, the team remains focused on continually improving and delivering the highest possible standard of care. If you would like more information about their services, please call on 0116 481 0520 or alternatively visit their website on www.radfieldhomecare.co.uk.



Exceptional care in your own home...
for as little
or as much as you want.



Radfield
Home Care

Worried...
About who is going to
look after mum when
you're on holiday?



Speak with your local care manager

0116 481 0520

leicester.east@radfieldhomecare.co.uk
www.radfieldhomecare.co.uk

St Hilda's Church Update

EAST GOSCOTE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are a friendly group of folk we meet in the church hall of the village church 2 p.m. til 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday.

We do quizzes have talks recently we had the police give us a talk on how not to get scammed, it was an interesting and a learning meeting, the police lady helped a few personally after the talk.

We have a boat trip coming up give us a go contact John on 07719657056.

TEA TIMERS

Tuesday between 2 - 4 p.m. every week. We have coffee tea and cake on offer. Some play a board game, Rumicub.

We do anything to celebrate things we usually do: VE Day Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Day, and of course Christmas.

We love having an afternoon tea and party for anything. Some just sit and chat. This Easter we had a bonnet party everyone made a hat and then of course a sing song.

Come along any Tuesday you will find a warm welcome. Contact Tricia on 07547162093.



The beehive toddler group

East goscote church hall

9.15 - 10.30 Thursdays

£3 per session
Includes parent
and children
Visitors £1

Entry includes
refreshments and
raffle ticket

Everyone welcome
No booking needed

Lots of toys,
craft sessions,
music and movement
come along for
a chat and a play.



EGP

East Goscote Plumbers

DAIKIN

SUPERIOR QUALITY UNITS

STAY COOL AND COMFORTABLE



Tailor-made air conditioning packages
for your home or business.

- ✓ Keep your home cool in summer and warm in winter
- ✓ Energy efficient & cost effective
- ✓ Whisper-quiet operation
- ✓ Sleek, stylish design
- ✓ 5 year manufacturers warranty for peace of mind



**5 YEAR
MANUFACTURERS
WARRANTY**



**WHISPER-QUIET
OPERATION**



**SLEEK AND
STYLISH**



SCAN ME
to find out more

TYPICAL EXAMPLES:

Lounge	£1400
Master Bedroom	£1800
Additional Bedroom	£1700
Landing (centralised)	£2600

Pay 0% VAT on all installations due to government energy saving relief scheme.

Prices starting from:

£1400

Google

Reviews ★★★★★

We are 4.9 out of 5 rating!
Based on 975 reviews

BOOK YOUR FREE QUOTE TODAY



0116 264 5115



smallworks@egpltd.co.uk

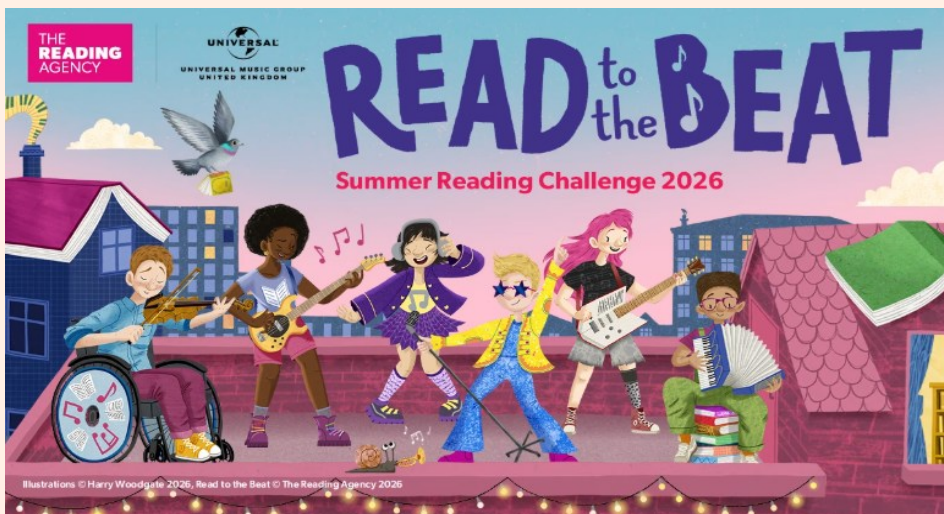
31-32 Craftsmans Way | East Goscote | Leicester | LE7 3SL



www.egpplumbers.co.uk



Library Update



easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site. Scan the QR code below to find out how you can raise **FREE** donations for the library.



OPENING TIMES

Monday: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Wednesday: 10 am - 12 noon

Friday: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Tuesday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Thursday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday: 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR £1

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
CHARITY NO: 1165052

Private Hire Available

Are you seeking a welcoming and flexible venue for your activities?

ONLY £12 / HOUR!

Our versatile space is ideal for:

- ✓ Community groups
- ✓ Educational classes
- ✓ Wellbeing activities
- ✓ Clubs and social events

We are committed to supporting your group and will work with you to tailor the space to your needs.

07519210643
eastgoscotelibrary_bookings@outlook.com

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
CHARITY NO: 1165052

RAISE FUNDS & HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

We're collecting your **used ink cartridges** and **used laser toner cartridges** to raise funds for our community library!

Start collecting today and **drop off your cartridges** to our library – it's that simple!

Help the environment

Share the word

Support your library

Thank you for your support!

Empties Please
Printer Cartridge Recycling

Adult Social Care		0116 305 0004	Help Through Hardship	0808 208 2138
Afternoon Tea	Tricia Marsland	0116 260 9088	Highways	0116 305 0001
Age Concern Syston		0116 260 1476	Leicestershire County Council	0116 305 4556
Anti-Social Behaviour		01509 634533	Library	0116 305 3510
ATC Plt Officer	Andy Gaunt	07425 171549	Mountsorrel Tip	0116 305 000
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	07981 101644	Messy Church	0116 286 7925
Beedles Golf Club		0116 260 6759	MP Edward Argar	0116 2693789
Bizzy Bees	Rachel Laverty	07908 781652	National Grid (Gas)	0800 111 999
Borough Councillor	Laurie Needham	07807 399879	Neighbourhood Watch	0116 260 2202
Borough Councillor	Sandra Woodward	07823 889088	NHS Advice	111
Borough Councillor	Chris O'Neill	07855 812620	Pharmacy	0116 260 6734
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	07981 812955	Plough Pub	0116 264 0444
Broomfield School		0116 260 6704	Police Non-Emergency	101
Charnwood Borough Council		01509 634666	Rainbows Gemma Snutch	07707 522182
Charnwood Recycling and Waste		01509 634563	Real Refills	07823 889088
Charnwood WI	Claire Cox	07751 642141	Scout Group/Hut	0116 260 5457
Children's Social Care		0116 305 0005	Scouts Dawn Manning	07843 122313
Citizens Advice Bureau (Legal Advice)		111 444	Severn Trent (Water)	0800 783 4444
County Councillor	James Poland	07764 966677	St Hilda's Booking Tricia Marsland	0116 260 9088
Cubs	Jayne Disney	07443 870791	St Hilda's Vicar Rev Ros Harper	07851 573236
Crime Stoppers		0800 555 111	Syston & District U3A	0300 102 1381
East Goscote PC	Liz Pizer	0116 260 2202	Syston Bowling Club	0116 269 2105
East Goscote Stores and Off-Licence		0116 260 6236	Syston Catholic Ch Anthony Pateman	0116 260 8476
Eco Hub	David Cannon	07873 852372	Syston Methodist Ch Daniel Yovan	0116 260 3296
EG Utd FC Academy		07486 531608	Syston Model Rly John Malpus	0116 260 9789
EG Utd FC Girls Teams		07486 531608	Syston Volunteer Bu. Mark	0116 260 7888
EG Utd FC U 11 Boys Jon Day		07794 973216	The Beehive Natalie Palfreyman	0116 260 7923
Environment Agency		0800 80 70 60	Village Faults / Emergencies	07739 553380
Floodline		0345 988 1188	Village Hall Bookings	0116 260 2202
Fly Tipping and Dog Concerns		01509 634564	Western Power (Electricity)	0800 056 8090
Fire Service Non-Emergency		0116 287 2241	Wreake Runners Dave Palmer	07710 448253
FOBs	Nicola Drage	07813 132715	Wreake Valley Lions Mrs C Grimes	0116 260 8412
Friendship Club	Marie Pole	0116 260 2287	Wreake Valley Rotary John Squire	0116 259 2788
Guides	Michelle Baker	07872 066509	Wreake Valley Youth Club Carol Baxter	0116 260 8858

***If you are a member of an organisation which is providing a service to the community,
please contact us with up to date details***

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

***If you have any concerns or queries,
please don't hesitate to get in touch.***

**Situated to the side of the Village Hall,
our office hours are:**

Monday 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Telephone: 0116 260 2202

(answerphone available)

Email: clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk

We would love to hear from you.

**Would you like to advertise in
the Long Furrow Magazine?**

Our current rates are:

Full Page £88

Half Page £44

Quarter Page £22

Printed by
SCOTIA PRESS
St Peters Street,
Syston

Published by
**Long Furrow Editorial
Committee**