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BREAKING NEWS

Redrow Homes
(Application P/22/2279/2)

Reserved Matters for 258 dwellings on land off Melton Road was refused on 28 June 2024.

For further information please contact the Parish Council office.

BINGO AND QUIZ NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 7th September from 7.00 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Despite the poor weather (I hope it has improved by the time you read this!) you will see that there has been a lot happening in and around the village over the summer months. We hope you find something of interest and as always the magazine is for everyone to share their news - if you would like to submit an article, advert, or letter of interest please contact us using the details below.

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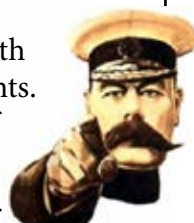
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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Councillor Laurie Needham was elected as Chair until May 2025. The Council are working to an Action Plan for 2024/2025; a copy of which can be found on the website.

Our Deputy Clerk has achieved her CILCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) Qualification which includes council law, finance, roles and responsibilities, management and community engagement – Well Done to Charlotte for this great achievement.

The Wildlife Audit report is now available online and we are working through suggestions and undertaking trials. The first of which is reduced mowing in two small areas (Lilac Way and The Meadows). We are also planting wildflower seeds around the perimeter of the Meadows area.

Utilising funding from the Reaching People Environment Fund, the Council has been able to purchase Hedgehog Highway labels – more information is available on page 4.



See the separate article on page 8 from the Village Hall Committee, including details of Table Tennis sessions, Bingo afternoons, and a Fun-filled Quiz and Bingo Night on **Saturday 7th September**. If you are interested in hiring the hall on a regular basis, please get in touch. During the summer the kitchen will be re-tiled and repainted.



A survey of the mound has taken place, and we are still awaiting the feedback from Charnwood Borough Council.

The Parish Council are looking into registering the “Plough” as a community asset.

On page 2 you will find a QR Code to directly report any dog concerns to Charnwood Borough Council, who will deal with these with accordingly.

We have installed new safety surfacing to the Cradle swing at the Mound play area and are looking at replacing the basket swing at the Ling Dale Park in due course.

The council fitted new fencing around the central area of Lilac Way – thanks to the hard work of our caretakers for completing this.

After being refurbished with a newly painted surface, the Tennis Court has re-opened. The Council have introduced a new membership scheme of £10 per resident, per annum. Please contact the office for further information and to join.



We have received many complaints from residents regarding the long grass in some areas of the village. These areas are maintained by Leicestershire County Council and are only cut 6 or 7 times a year, as opposed to the 15 cuts the Parish Council carries out. You can see who is responsible for each area on our website by scanning the QR code opposite, which includes a link to the County Council website where you can view the date of their next scheduled cut and report any missed areas.



SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS EVENTS: Santa will be in the Library on Friday 13th December and Afternoon Tea for over 65's will be held on Saturday 14th December in the Village Hall – details of both to follow in the next edition.

AND FINALLY, if you would like to give something back to the community and help to make our village an even better place to live, why not find out about being a Parish Councillor? See the separate article on page 10 for details. There are currently 3 vacancies.

For further information about the Parish Council please contact the office on 0116 260 2202 or email clerk@eastgoscotepc.org.uk



HEDGEHOG STREETS – FREE LABELS AVAILABLE

Help hedgehogs get around by making holes and access points in fences and barriers to link up the gardens in your neighbourhood.

Utilising funds from the Reaching People Environment Grant, East Goscote Parish Council is pleased to be able to offer free hedgehog labels for those wanting to create a hedgehog hole in their garden. All we ask that a photograph of the label in situ is sent to the Council to support our feedback for the Reaching People Environment Fund.

Labels can be collected from the Parish Office at the Village Hall during normal opening hours. Please contact us on 0116 260 2202 or email egadmin@talktalk.net for more information.

More information about hedgehogs and how you can help can be found at: www.hedgehogstreet.org.

Greener Goscote may be able to offer advice with location and installation for a small donation if you can't manage this yourselves. Please contact David Cannon on 07873852372, or email greenergoscote@outlook.com to discuss this.



BRAIN TEASERS

- 1: Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the world's highest mountain?
- 2: What five letter word, no matter however you pronounce it, is always pronounced wrong?
- 3: A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one way street in the wrong direction, but did not break the law. How come?
- 4: How many squares are there on a chessboard?
- 5: There is a man on an island prison and he cannot swim. One day at high tide he escapes using nothing but himself. There is no bridge. How does he do it?

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

Brownies

Well here we are at the end of another busy term. We had great fun on Pack Holiday and the girls had a chance to practice their bushcraft skills as well as making kites and lots of other activities. As part of our "Building Bridges" badge, we had a visit from the police to discuss community relationships. The Brownies were really excited when they were allowed in the police car. We used shrink art to make key rings for Fathers Day and on one of the few sunny days, we had an enthusiastic sports day. We are very proud to announce that 2 of our Brownies have achieved their Gold Badge, which is the highest they can get and takes 3 years. We have 4 more girls who have almost finished it. Congratulations to you all. We will be spending the holidays planning lots of new activities for the Autumn term and have already booked to take the Brownies to Legoland in Birmingham. I would like to thank the team and the parents for their continued support.

Finally, to Alex, who is stepping down as Rainbow leader. Thankyou so much for all you have done for the girls. We are currently getting a team together and expect to be continuing Rainbows from 5th September.

If anyone is interested in helping out, please call me on 07981812955.

Brown Owl



Latimer Players

After their successful production 'Move Over Mrs Markham' in April, Latimer Players are excited to announce that they are already planning the next event, the pantomime Sleeping Beauty to be held Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th November.

The group always welcomes new members so if you are interested in being involved on or off stage, please get in touch via elizabethrobyn@hotmail.com. The group are particularly interested in finding someone with an interest in lighting.



Birstall and District Art Society

Birstall & District Art Society (BADAS) members meet regularly on Friday mornings at the Co-op Sports and Social Club in Birstall and on Wednesday evenings at the Church Hall in Wanlip. They also meet for plein air sessions when weather permits and hold classes in the spring and autumn.

On the second Tuesday of the month, BADAS hold demonstration sessions at the Palmer Tomkinson Centre, Cedars Academy, Birstall, from 6.45 to 9pm. These are open to visitors. Demonstration evenings for the rest of the year are as follows:

- 13 August 2024 – Sarah Jennings – a landscape in mixed media
- 10 September 2024 – Steve Woodhams – mixed media abstract
- 8 October 2024 – Kate Wrigglesworth – a mythical theme in gouache
- 10 November – Nick Birchall (Cleeve Press) – still life in line and watercolour/ink – Nick runs a heritage printing press locally.

Planning is underway for the annual exhibition which will be on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November at the Village Hall in Birstall.

For more information and timings, please visit the website: badas.uk



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Borough Councillors Round-up – Laurie Needham, Sandra Woodward & Chris O’Neill

Last month saw the approval of yet more major planning applications in the local area. ‘Queniborough Lodge, 125 houses on Melton Road, which has been plagued by vandalism and fires in recent months, now has permission. As do another 160 houses on ‘Three Ways Farm’, also on Melton Road, despite opposition from councillors and local residents. We are particularly frustrated by this, as Charnwood are now meeting the 5 year land supply mandated by government, but due to not yet having an adopted Local Plan, planning rules made it difficult for a planning committee to refuse permission. Both applications still need to go through the second round of planning consultation, Reserved Matters, so building will not begin for many months at least.



The Redrow development is still stalled at this stage, with no news on how it’s progressing. Likewise, the application for 99 houses on the East Goscote/ Queniborough border is on hold whilst Highways gather more information.

There is some relief regarding Merchants Common. We now know that it has been purchased by a private individual based in London. The new owner has met most tenants and say that they have no plans to change the use of the area, which is good news and goes a long way to allaying local concerns.

We also enjoyed attending this year’s Scout fete and helped out with litter picking and raising awareness of the ‘Hedgehog Highways’ scheme (please see elsewhere in this issue for more information on this).

Several people have made enquiries around grass cutting and weed spraying. The weed control and some grass cutting is done by the County Council. You can visit their website to see the schedule for these: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/grass-cutting>.

We understand that this fell behind in June due to

the very wet weather we had, but all areas have now been cut and sprayed.

As mentioned in the last issue, this year Charnwood has an increased budget for supporting the community and voluntary sector. If you have a club or group that you think could benefit from grant funding, please check the Council website, or get in touch and we’ll be happy to help.

Nominations for Community Heroes are open for 2024. If you know someone who has gone above and beyond in their community and deserves to be recognised, you have until 31st July to put their name forward.

Finally, Charnwood Borough has been celebrating it’s 50th anniversary and highlighting what makes the Borough special on social media and other channels. Residents are being asked to submit photos as part of the celebrations. An exhibition has been created at Loughborough Museum which will be open to the public until July 27th 2024.

As ever, please get in touch with any questions or issues that we may be able to help you with.

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EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

For more information about hiring the hall, or any of the activities taking place, please don't hesitate to contact us using the details below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Table Tennis 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon			
PM	Scrabble Afternoon 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. (Starting 2 nd September)		Radfield Day Centre 9.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Bingo (Monthly) 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	
EVE	Council Meeting (2 nd week of the month) 6.30 p.m.	Guides 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Align Yoga 6.15 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Rainbows 4.15 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. Brownies 5.45 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	

KEEP FUN, KEEP FIT

Join East Goscote Village Hall's
Social Table Tennis Club

The sessions take place weekly on a
Tuesday at a cost of £3.00 per
person which includes tea and
coffee – beginners welcome.

BINGO AFTERNOONS

Doors open 2.00 p.m., Eyes Down at 2.30 p.m.

From £3.00 per person, which includes 3 games of bingo
and tea or coffee. Prizes dependent on the number of people
playing.

Dates for 2024: Thursday 29th August, Thursday 26th
September, Thursday 31st October, Thursday 28th November,
Thursday 19th December

BINGO AND QUIZ NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 7th September from 7.00 p.m.

£5.00 per person to include nibbles, 3 games of bingo and 3
quiz rounds (max 6 people per team)

Tickets available from the Parish Office.

Children welcome but they are unable to participate in the
bingo.

Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available to
purchase on the night, along with tickets for a raffle.

SCRABBLE AFTERNOONS

Come along for a friendly game of
scrabble at the Village Hall.

WEEKLY FROM

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

1.30 P.M. – 3.00 P.M.

£2.00 per person to include tea and
coffee.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee meets several
times a year to discuss the work of the hall, including current and
prospective user groups, maintenance requirements, and legal
responsibilities. If you would like to be involved, please contact us
on 0116 260 2202 or email egadmin@talktalk.net.**

County Councillor Update - James Poland



As I write this article in the middle of June, its been quite cold and wet for the time of year but thankfully it hasn't stopped the many great community events which have taken place locally. One such event was the Scout Summer Fete on the 9th June, despite the wind getting up I managed to avoid the rain and it was a very enjoyable way to spend a hour on a summers afternoon. Many thanks to East Goscote Scouts and all those involved in putting the event on.

New scheme to help residents reduce energy bills and install energy efficient measures

Hundreds of households across Leicestershire could benefit from tailored help and advice about energy efficiency improvements, and how to access grants and funding to pay for their installation. County residents are now being invited to apply at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/retrofit.

Leicestershire County Council's Warm Homes service, in partnership with district authorities, has been awarded £400,000 by the government to support the HERO project (Home Energy Retrofit Offer), to connect eligible people to advice and funding for the installation of energy efficiency improvements, which will reduce energy costs as well as making households warmer and greener. The HERO project targets owner-occupiers who are vulnerable and on low incomes who may be eligible for funded grants, those at risk of ill health due to cold, inefficient, or damp homes, and residents living in properties which are hard-to-treat.

Eligible residents may be offered in-home advice or assessment of their homes, which will determine which energy-efficient measures are most appropriate to the home and household. The project also aims to support households by providing the knowledge and confidence on what steps can improve home energy efficiency and connect them to financial support. The scheme will not fund the retrofit of the recommended energy-saving measures, but HERO advisors will help and support residents to access all available funding and apply for relevant grants. Where relevant, the scheme may also reassess eligible homes to measure the impact of improvements and contact households to gather feedback.

The HERO scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency of owner-occupier and private rental households most in need of support, reduce energy bills and tackle climate change. It is delivered through Green Living Leicestershire, a partnership between Leicestershire authorities who work collectively to deliver projects supporting sustainability and net zero across the county. Funding for the HERO project has been awarded by the Department for Energy Security and

Net Zero, and administered through the Midlands Net Zero Hub's Local Energy Advice Demonstrator.

For more information on the grants, including the full eligibility criteria, eligible postcode areas or to apply, visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/retrofit or call the Warm Homes service on 0116 305 2524.

Warning as doorstep home improvements scams on the increase

A warning has been issued by Leicestershire Trading Standards after more than 200 reports of doorstep scams – costing county victims nearly £3m. Rip-off traders are costing people an average of £13,319, with 217 Leicestershire residents conned out of £2.9m in the last 12 months. Doorstep offers for roofing, chimney work or driveway repairs are the most commonly-reported scams. Rogue traders will knock on doors unannounced and claim they have noticed damage, before offering to have a look for free as they have just finished a job nearby and have all their equipment with them.

Leicestershire County Council's Trading Standards team is advising residents to decline their services and not feel pressured into taking immediate action. Despite any incentives or discounts the trader may offer, the work may be unnecessary and quoted low initially, only then to raise the price drastically once work has started. Reports received highlight a pattern of traders going into lofts and purporting to have taken a photo showing gaps in tiles to scare consumers into believing they need roofs replacing, when in fact the photo was not of their roof.

Trading Standards advice is:

- If a trader starts to get 'pushy' or residents feel pressurised, shut the door and telephone the police on 101 or 999 if an emergency
- Look out for neighbours – if they appear to be uncomfortable with traders, telephone the police to get them checked out
- Obtain at least three independent quotes and never agree to anything on the doorstep
- Always check out reviews, and carry out research on the trader before agreeing for works to be carried out
- Pay by card or cheque rather than cash

Traders should always offer a 14-day cooling-off period

Leicestershire Trading Standards provides information, support and intervention to residents to help them keep safe from fraud, scams and doorstep crime. They have produced an advice card on how to avoid falling victim to cold calling and doorstep scams with a series of dos and don'ts. The advice cards are available free of charge and can be obtained by emailing tradingstandards@leics.gov.uk. To report a rogue trader or for free advice and guidance on this and other areas of Trading Standards work, visit: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards.

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

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL



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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 on Monday 9th September at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

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EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS

SCOUTS

This February, our Young Leaders ran their annual Sleepover, which involved many creative bases such as building bridges and testing their design, teamwork, and practical skills. This was followed by a chip shop supper!

In May, we had our first camp of 2024. Generally, the weather was warm and dry, well, until it rained through the night!

Despite this, the Scouts had a blast, learning useful camp skills, exploring the underground caves of Nottingham and crate stacking. On our usual Monday nights, we've also had lots of fun at the Scout Hall with an Apprentice-inspired challenge night run by our Young Leaders! We visited the Oaks in Charnwood Campsite, played wide games, ran the obstacle course, and enjoyed wood-fired pizza courtesy of our Head Chef, James.

We have our upcoming Week Camp, where the Scouts will experience six nights of challenges, adventurous activities, open fire cooking, and some hidden fun surprises! Our older Scouts are working through their Chief Scout Gold Award, and as part of this award, they're in the process of planning a two night expedition. The Scouts have also been invited back to help build the Queniborough bonfire next October and assist at the fireworks display. For all their hard work, they're rewarded with front-row seats throughout the display!

A huge congratulations to Louis on achieving his Gold Award! We are so impressed with how far you have come and your determination in achieving this. Another big well done to Jack, one of our Young Leaders, who has completed his Young Leader training!

Let us not forget we had another successful Summer Fete where the Scouts delivered all the leaflets beforehand and ran various stalls such as tomahawk throwing, football, air rifle shooting, running the BBQ, and a tombola.



with an F1 theme. The weather was kind and lots of fun was had from go karting, making cars and racing on chariots using our pioneering skill, a great time was had by all. Finishing off our summer term we will be having a trip to Bradgate park to see what we can find in the stream, more fun times.



BEAVERS

This term we have been very busy completing badges. We finished the Skills badge mentioned previously with a visit to a care home. We took part in parachute games, a beetle drive and had snacks. Thank you to Mountview in Rothley for hosting our visit. As it is the summer, we've been making the most of the lighter nights by completing the Outdoor and Gardener badges. We have learnt important skills like First Aid and how to tie knots. Before half term, each Beaver planted a tomato, pepper and cucumber seed. We've been watching them grow and filling out a gardening diary. A highlight of this term has been our joint Beaver and Cub camp, all to do with Formula One! To start with, we designed our own flags, helmets, cars and logos to create our own racing car teams. The young people took it in turns to race go karts and earn points for their teams. Our favourite activities were creating model cars out of toilet roll tubes, pioneering chariots and remote control car football. Being at camp allowed us to explore the great outdoors: learning about trees and leaves; playing on the jungle trail; and drinking hot chocolate around the campfire. Everyone had a fun time and the weather was perfect! To finish the term, we are completing our Explorer badge by having a teddy bears picnic at Bradgate Park and saying goodbye to our oldest Beavers who will be moving to Cubs.

If your child would like to join us, in September, for more adventures then please get in touch.

CUBS

So far the Cubs have managed to have a variety of activities and badges. We visited the Swaminarayan Mandir temple as part of the world challenge badge. Learn how to use axe and sews, also brushed up our knotting skills ready for camp. Along with these we completed our athletes badge and photographers badge. Some of our recent meetings have been tent pitching and preparing for camp. Our camp was held with the Beavers



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ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

LITTLE FISHES

Another busy half term, and lots of change ahead for the children of East Goscote. Moving to new settings, nursery, school for the first time, even moving to a new school, class changes, and some leaving school for college, university or employment. We continue to pray for all our children and young people as they journey through life.

Little Fishes has continued to meet on a Monday afternoon in St Hilda's church and it has been lovely to welcome some new faces this term. We close on 8th July for the summer break and open again on Monday 2nd September. During August, weather permitting, we will meet on the park opposite St Hilda's Church on a Monday at 1.30pm for a play and chat. Siblings are welcome to join us.

I continue to go into Broomfield Primary School weekly Taking an after school Craft Club for years 1 and 2, we have fun with crafts, making things like posters, mobiles, wind socks and planting seeds, we have had the paint out and enjoyed being creative together.

It was also good fun to be a part of the foundation stage trip to Beaumanor Hall being pirates for the day. Despite the weather we managed to complete the treasure hunt, had target practise shooting canon balls at pirates (not real ones just board cut outs) and went into the treasure cave to see the treasure and sample a ginger biscuit.

May's half term Messy Church event looked at God's Wonderful world, we made snakes, butterflies, day and night pictures giraffes and paper flowers. Everyone took home a booklet on God's creation story from Genesis and a template to make themselves, as God made us too. We will be holding another Messy Church event in the summer, look out for dates on Facebook and church notices.



Mandy Green
Children & Families Worker at St Hilda's Church

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are a group of ladies and gentlemen who get together on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 2-4 p.m.

We have speakers and demonstrators covering many subjects. Just a few to mention: railways past and present, monologues, flower arranging, silent auctions, coach trips, yearly garden party, Christmas parties, and the enjoyment of socialising. If you would like to join us and have any interesting ideas to improve our group we shall be happy to welcome you to our club days.

£3 entry free includes tea, coffee, and biscuits.

Hazel Andrews, Secretary
07308 030531

TEA TIMERS

We have been very busy this last few months. We have had a lovely time celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE DAY 80th - see some of the photos below. We have also been celebrating lots of Birthdays with some of our members so lots of cake has been consumed.

Please pop along we are a friendly group we meet TUESDAY afternoons 2-4pm every week. We have games to play; at the moment a few are playing Rummy numbers but we do have others to play. We also sit and knit as we chat drink tea and eat cake, or just come along for a chat and meet up with folk.

Tricia Marsland
0116 260 9088



Articles from the Archives

In the early 70s the WILLIK garden centre opened on Melton Road. In the early 90s the business was sold to Wyevale garden centres. In 2001, work commenced on building the Lilac Way development on the site of the garden centre.



Thank you to John Malpus for submitting this.

Letters to the Editor...

Living in East Goscote - the View From The Chase

We moved to the village in late 1987 and paid a then difficult to afford £43,300 for our house. Being the start of the Thatcher era our mortgage rate eventually went up to 15.5%. Somehow we hung on and we are still here in one of the best places to live in Charnwood.

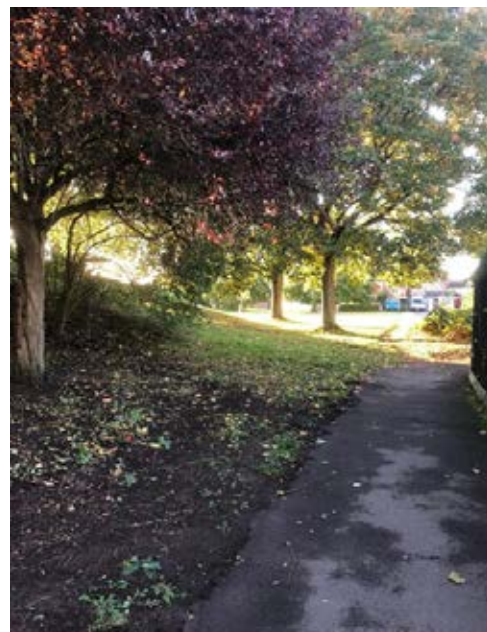
The village was designed with open space easily accessible to all housing. The village has wide streets, plenty of open spaces and has matured nicely with landscaping. It's a great place to raise a family, with footpath access to open country, also good walking and cycling access to Syston. Driving 20 minutes (ish) takes you to Melton, Loughborough and Leicester.

We live next to what I described in 1987 as a bare, treeless 'funny little hill'. The hill is the 'mound' which is basically two industrial storage buildings from Factory 10, the last WW2 munitions factory completed 30th September 1942. The two buildings were used during Jelson's construction phase in the 1960s as storage and staff facilities. They were then hidden under lumps of concrete and top soil and became Goscote's tallest 'landscape' feature. Under the planning permissions granted at the time, Jelson should first have removed all structures and buildings from the derelict Factory 10 site - however as many people adding extensions to houses have discovered, there is a lot of concrete to be found in many gardens.

One problem with the prevailing wind coming over the mound is turbulence near our and the neighbours house. We've lost many fences to storm damage over the years. Our then neighbour's house suffered badly during a particularly violent storm in the late 1990s. Life is a lot calmer on this corner of The Chase since the trees have matured and provided a windbreak that reduces the turbulence.

Here are some photos - probably one of the nicest streets in the village?

Rod Axon



THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

Summer 2024 (No. 76)

Walk on the Wild Side, led by Dr Helen on May 25th brought the core Reaching People/LLRCF funded project to a memorable conclusion. We admired the brilliant Interpretation Board, now installed by the Pavillion. If you haven't seen it, it is well worth a visit. Strolling from the 'Dog Walk' area, across the park and through the village centre to The Nature Garden (photo) we identified 50 different species of wild flora and fauna as Helen demonstrated how to use free smartphone apps like PlantNet and Merlin Bird. Why not give them a go?

Legacy was built into the project so Hedgehog Streets and Wildlife Audit ideas for the Parish Council will continue. The final report is written by now on a project which is probably the single most important thing GG has ever been involved in. So let's make a date to meet for an anniversary guided Walk on the Wild Side next May and we'll look for positive change.

And What Else ? A Spring Spruce Up in May for our Recycling Centre improved its image which can do no harm. The land on which it stands is under new management so it needs to look its best as well as performing well, which it does. Not forgetting supporting a Seed & Plant Swap at the Library organised by Emma from Time4Leicestershire and one of our trademark recycling litter picks at the Scout Summer Fete.



Taking a Walk on the Wild Side with Dr Helen O'Brien and Girl Power spruces up our busy Recycling Centre



WHAT'S COMING UP FOR GG ?

- Our General Meeting will be at the beginning of August. Date not set yet and just about the time Long Furrow is published. Join us on Facebook for more details.
- We'll be helping out at Syston Summer Fayre again this year. Saturday 31st August 12 noon until 6 pm. Helping to manage the litter, saving recyclables from a fate worse than death and making sure the park is at least as good as it started. As well as promoting our green message.

Contact Us: Greener Goscote exists to promote real environmental sustainability in our village. For free advice on composting, recycling, biodiversity and climate change and for information on Greener Goscote contact David on 07873852372, or email greenergoscote@outlook.com or find us, and maybe join us, on Facebook?

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East Goscote



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Tuesday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m,
Wednesday: 10 am - 12 noon (COFFEE MORNING)
Thursday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Friday: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Saturday: 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

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ATC Plt Officer	Andy Gaunt	07425 171549	Library	0116 305 3510
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Beedles Golf Club		0116 260 6759	Messy Church	0116 286 7925
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Borough Councillor	Laurie Needham	07807 399879	National Grid (Gas)	0800 111 999
Borough Councillor	Sandra Woodward	07823 889088	Neighbourhood Watch	0116 260 2202
Borough Councillor	Chris O'Neill	07855 812620	NHS Advice	111
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	07981 812955	Pharmacy	0116 260 6734
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Charnwood Borough Council		01509 634560	Police Non-Emergency	101
Charnwood Recycling and Waste		01509 634563	Rainbows Alex Riley	07894 055128
Charnwood WI	Sharon Astill	07849 888752	Real Refills	07823 889088
Children's Social Care		0116 305 0005	Scout Group/Hut	0116 260 5457
Citizens Advice Bureau (Legal Advice)		111 444	Scouts Dawn Manning	07843 122313
County Councillor	James Poland	07764 966677	Severn Trent (Water)	0800 783 4444
Cubs	Jayne Disney	0116 260 8786	St Hilda's Booking Tricia Marsland	0116 260 9088
Crime Stoppers		0800 555 111	St Hilda's Vicar Rev Ros Harper	07851 573236
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East Goscote Stores and Off-Licence		0116 260 6236	Syston Catholic Ch Anthony Pateman	0116 260 8476
EG Utd FC Academy		07486 531608	Syston Methodist Ch Daniel Yovan	0116 260 3296
EG Utd FC Girls Teams		07486 531608	Syston Model Rly John Malpus	0116 260 9789
EG Utd FC U 11 Boys Jon Day		07794 973216	Syston Volunteer Bu. Mark	0116 260 7888
Environment Agency		0800 80 70 60	The Beehive Natalie Palfreyman	0116 260 7923
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Fly Tipping and Dog Concerns		01509 634564	Village Hall Bookings	0116 260 2202
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FOBs	Nicola Drage	07813 132715	Wreake Runners Dave Palmer	07710 448253
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Greener Goscote	David Cannon	07873 852372	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.

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