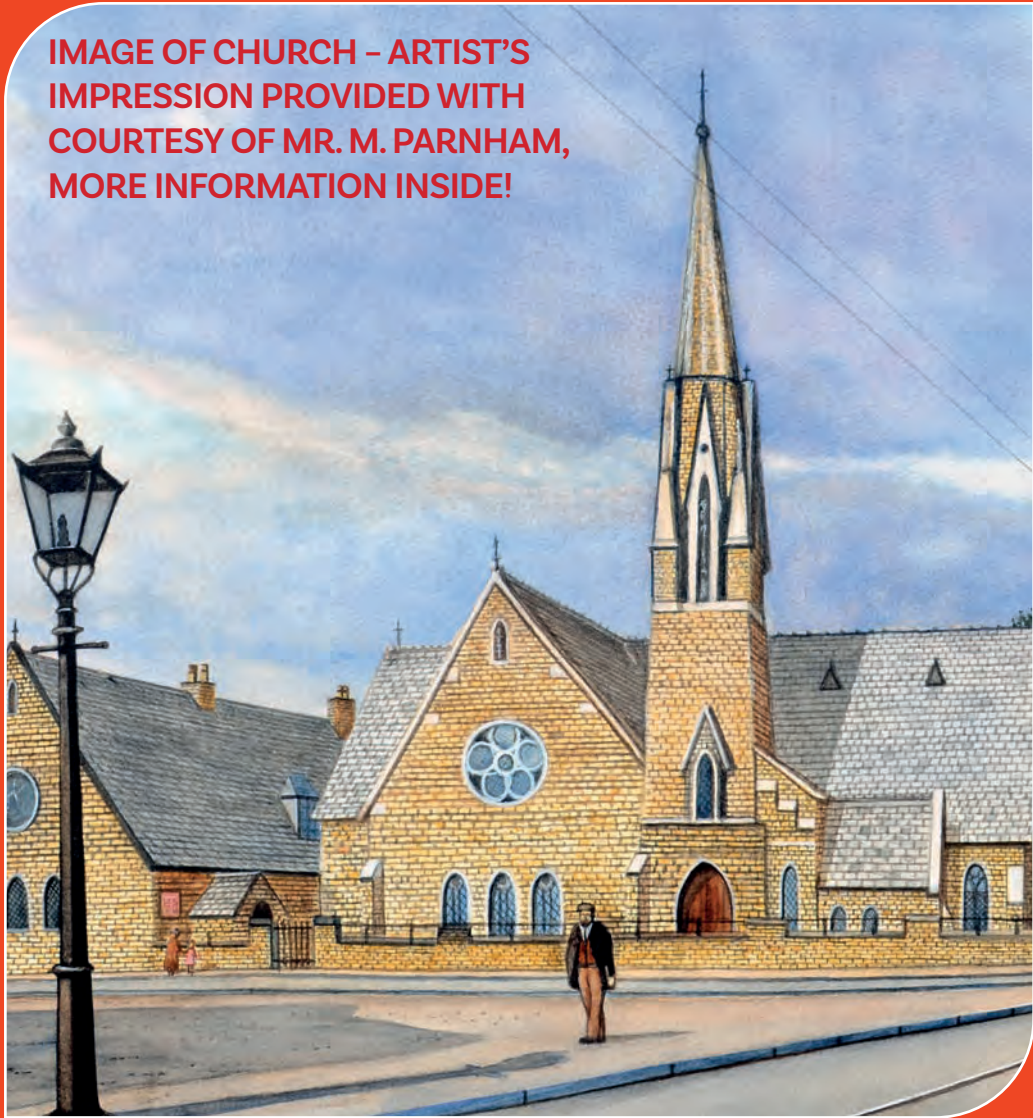


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# Eastwood Town Council **Summer Newsletter**

2023

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**OF EASTWOOD!**

**Free of charge subject to registration**

**THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST AND**  
**THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2023**

**10.00 A.M. UNTIL 3.00 P.M.**

Eastwood Town Council in partnership with  
Eastwood Police & Eastwood Community Football Club  
have organised activities for young people

Ages 8 to 16 years old to be held at

The ECFC Stadium & Club on  
Chewton Street, Eastwood

Children should be accompanied to venue then collected by 3.00 p.m.

on days of event. Full safeguarding in place.

Football, basketball, rounders, cricket, tennis

Arts & crafts with all materials provided

**Free lunch for every young person attending**

Limited to 100 participants. Please obtain your  
Application form from school or Eastwood Town  
Council website and return no later than

30th July 2023.

[townclerk@eastwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@eastwood-tc.gov.uk) or call  
01773 719384 Monday to Thursdays

[www.eastwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.eastwood-tc.gov.uk)

Sheena Trower Town Clerk



# 2022 – 2023 Outgoing Mayor's Report – Councillor Ken Woodhead

Councillor Ken Woodhead  
Town Mayor of Eastwood 2022 - 2023

2022 was a very good year for events in our town. I am pleased to say all went very well and there was a good attendance to all events, enjoyed by all including Freedom of the Borough March in June 2022, Annual Remembrance Service and Parade November 2022 and the Christmas Lights Event.

The Christmas lights switch on Tuesday 29th November 2022 was very good, with new lights in the town and hopefully more next year. The Town Council has worked very hard to promote all the events in the last year and will continue to put on events this year.

During my term as the Mayor of Eastwood Town Council I have worked very hard with the Police to tackle the drug problems evident in Eastwood, with much success. The Police have been very active and require as much support as possible from the public to report issues.

Please feel free to call at the office for a coffee and chat at the regular Community Coffee mornings held at the Eastwood Town Council offices; the events are regularly publicised in the noticeboards, Facebook and Town Council website.

I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received over the last year and hope to continue representing Eastwood as your Town and Borough Councillor.

At a recent Council meeting held 9th January 2023, the collection raised from my Annual Civic Carol Service held at St. Mary's Church in December 2022, totalling £325.43 was presented to the Mayor's chosen charity The Guide Dogs for the Blind. Representatives and their trainee dog attended for the presentation.

Three recipients of The Hazel Braithwaite Award attended – cut glass engraved vases and bouquets were presented to Mrs. Teresa Burgoyne, Mrs. Diane Rowley and Mrs. Ellie Leatherland for their work and dedication to the community of Eastwood.



*Hazel Braithwaite 2022 recipients of awards Diane Rowley*



*Ellie Leatherland*



*Teresa Burgoyne*



## THE EREWASH CANAL



At the Bank Holiday in May 2023, the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association organised the Boat Rally at Langley Mill to celebrate 50 years since the canal was originally restored.

But, I hear you saying, Langley Mill Basin isn't in Eastwood, it's not even in Nottinghamshire, and you would be right, but until the mid-1990s it was part of Nottinghamshire and in the parish of Eastwood, until passing over the border to Amber Valley and Derbyshire in a county boundary change.

So, let's have a little history lesson, shall we?

If you were around in the early 1700s and wanted to move goods around the local area you were pretty much stuck, no roads as such, the car and lorries were around 200 years away, the train, that was over one hundred years away and the country was starting to go through the start of the industrial revolution in the mid 1700s, so a radical transport system was needed and, following what is thought to be England's first canal opening in 1761, the Worsley Canal, work started on the Erewash Canal.

The canal obtained its Act of Parliament in 1777, with a gentleman named John Varley being appointed as engineer, and two brothers, John and James Pinkerton, the main contractors.

By April 1779 the canal was navigable from Trent Lock to Ilkeston Common, being fully completed a few months later in the December of 1779. All this at a cost of £21,000, in today's money that works out at just shy of £3 million pounds; that still sounds fairly cheap as today that would probably only cover materials, let alone the land purchase, labour and planning.

From the offset, the canal was a big success with coal being the biggest asset but also being transported was pottery, textiles and iron. The canal was joined along its length by several other canals, The Cromford, The Nottingham, The Nutbrook and The Derby. But, just as clothes and pop stars go out of fashion, there was a new kid on the block coming down the track, literally.

Yes, the train was the new hero of the transport industry, something which the canals would never recover from, and indeed, by as early as 1888, the tonnage carried by the canal was down to just 15% of pre-railway times. The following year saw the closure of The Butterley Tunnel, further reducing trade which never returned and despite the tunnel reopening, it faced several further closures until being deemed beyond uneconomic repair in 1907. Despite all of the decline, the canal had a small resurgence during World War Two as it was used to carry bomb shells from Stanton Iron Works, this resurgence being short lived, as following nationalisation in 1947

and the competition from other forms of transport, the last commercial narrowboat saw operation in 1952. Ten years later the canal was announced as officially closed to navigation above Gallows Lock, this section becoming silted up, followed by a Government White Paper in 1967 that the canal should be closed.

This could have been the end of the canal as government plans were in the pipeline to fill parts in and remove lock gates, but for a group of people, who, in the January of 1968 met to form what is now the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association.

The rest, as they say, is history - well, not quite. What followed was a huge amount of work, all by volunteers, to undo the work of neglect and infilling in certain areas. In the following five years the ECP&DA not only saved the canal but restored Langley Bridge Lock and the Great Northern basin and swing bridge, culminating with a grand opening in 1973 by hosting their first boat rally.



That brings me nicely back to the start of my story and the next boat rally later in the year. The 55th anniversary year being held at Langley Mill, on a canal which, if Government had had its way, would have been long gone, but due to a group of determined individuals, has now been revived for all to enjoy.

The future, well it will never be the same as those days in the past when you could traverse from Cromford down to Trent Lock;

Butterley Tunnel for a start is closed, the cost to open that would be prohibitive, but there are plans to reopen parts of the canal towards Brinsley, further afield if finance was available.



Our first look at the Erewash Canal was short and sweet, we will be bringing up updates from the Boat Rally held in May 2023 in the next issue. However, to learn more about the canal, its history and to gain more information, I would strongly advise going online to the ECP&DA website where a vast amount of historic information and picture galleries await. Further still, if this has inspired you to volunteer then you would be welcome with open arms, they do a good biscuit!

[www.ecpda.org.uk](http://www.ecpda.org.uk) – a registered charity.

The canal is now used by many for recreation, used by dog walkers and cyclists along its towpath and also by anglers, and many a picture is posted almost daily by local people on various social media sites and all this is down to a group of people, meeting back in 1968 who refused to let the canal die, who foresaw the possibilities for future generations to enjoy, it was a pleasure to meet a few of these determined people.

In our next issue we will be covering the rally and look at some of the work and buildings restored over the years.

## The D. H. LAWRENCE SOCIETY



On Saturday 20th May the Mayor Cllr Kathryn Boam and Deputy Mayor of Eastwood Town Council Cllr Matthew Bullock attended their first civic event since their election to the roles at the Annual Town Council meeting held on Monday 15th May.

The event was organised by the D. H. Lawrence Society to celebrate the restoration of the Lawrence family graves by the Society, with a financial contribution from Broxtowe Borough Council. Also in attendance, alongside members of the Society, was the Mayor of Broxtowe Cllr Teresa Cullen.



# EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCILLORS 2023 - 2024

## Town Mayor

Councillor Mrs. Kathryn Boam

## Deputy Mayor

Councillor Matthew Bullock

## Leader of Eastwood Town Council Councillor

David Bagshaw

## Deputy Leader of Eastwood Town Council

Councillor Robert Bullock

## Town Councillors

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Councillor David Bagshaw

Councillor Mrs. Susan Bagshaw

Councillor Mrs. Zoe Battison

Councillor Mrs. Eileen Benton

Councillor Robert Bullock

Councillor Mrs. Janine Foxhall

Councillor Mrs. Julie Hagan

Councillor Logan King

Councillor Neil Levett

Councillor Kane Oliver

Councillor Milan Radulovic M.B.E.

Councillor Ken Woodhead

Councillor Mrs. Rosemary Woods

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Eastwood Town Council at its Annual Town Council Meeting following election 4th May 2023 from left to right:-

Councillors David Bagshaw (also Broxtowe Borough Councillor); Mrs. Zoe Battison, Logan King, Mrs. Julie Hagan, Kane Oliver (also Nottinghamshire County Councillor); Mrs. Rosemary Woods, Robert Bullock (also Broxtowe Borough Councillor), Milan Radulovic M.B.E. (also Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council); Mayor to Eastwood Town Council Mrs. Kathryn Boam, Neil Levett, Mrs. Janine Foxhall, Deputy Mayor of Eastwood Town Council Cllr Matthew Bullock, Ken Woodhead (also Broxtowe Borough Councillor); Mrs. Susan Bagshaw (also Broxtowe Borough Councillor) and Mrs. Eileen Benton.



## HISTORY OF EASTWOOD BRITISH CHURCH (CHURCH FEATURED ON THE FRONT OF THIS MAGAZINE)



The Congregational Church in Eastwood was established in 1868, and so it had still only a quite short history when Mrs Lawrence joined it sometime after her marriage in 1875. But there was nothing new about Independency in that part of Nottinghamshire. The congregation at the hamlet of Moorgreen, a mile from Eastwood, dates back to 1662 and there were close relations between the two chapels (the Moorgreen Minister assisted, for instance, at the funeral of Lawrence's brother Ernest in 1901). It is this picturesque little chapel in the fields, rather than the Eastwood chapel itself, that provides the most obvious original for Morley Chapel, the setting for the Harvest festival in Lawrence's short story "Fanny and Annie".

Jessie Chambers refers to it as "Butty's Lump" in a memoir. The promoters of the scheme for building the new chapel were influential at the colliery and the surest means of securing a good "stall" in the pit

was to make a handsome donation to the building fund.

The foundation, as reflected in this memoir, had been rather uncharacteristic for a Congregational Church. More usually, a new Congregation first formed itself and then set about raising money for its own church building, but at Eastwood the building project had come first, at the insistence of neighbouring Congregationalists, and then the Church assembly was formed. The Eastwood Congregational Chapel grew out of what were largely middle-class values and aspirations. It showed a prosperous face to the world in its Gothic revival building, through to the 1960s, when it was eventually pulled down to make way for a supermarket (now Iceland).

*Researched by Eastwood Town Council  
Financial Assistant Esther Henshaw.*

*History credit David Newmarch -  
Congregationalism in the early life of D. H.  
Lawrence*



## REPORT ON THE EASTWOOD REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PARADE IN 2022 AND FORTHCOMING SERVICE AND PARADE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

Eastwood Town Council, in partnership with the Royal British Legion, organised the service and parade, held on Sunday, 13 November 2022.

A service was held at St. Mary's Church followed by the parade through town to the Cenotaph and Cadets Cross. The commemorations were very well attended with wreaths laid by local dignitaries, Armed Forces, local organisations led by Royal British Legion. Reverend D. Stevenson officiated the service.

A Civic Reception took place at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber following the commemorations.

Eastwood Town Council and the Royal British Legion extend sincere appreciation for the public support at this truly poignant event, and hopes that this support continues as we remember together those who gave up their today for our tomorrow.



Forthcoming Eastwood Remembrance Service and Parade will take place on Sunday 12th November 2023 commencing at St. Mary's Church Eastwood for the church service followed by a parade to Plumtre and Cadets Cross Memorials. More details will follow in the next issue.



## LOCAL HISTORY OF EASTWOOD – THE BRITISH SCHOOL ON ALBERT STREET, EASTWOOD

### A GLANCE INTO LIFE IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY IN EASTWOOD

Written by *Percy Cross*, born 1906, reproduced from a chapter on ‘Making Ends Meet’ from ‘A Century Remembered, Reminiscences of everyday life in the Eastwood area’ by the *Eastwood Historical Society* 2000.

Any ordinary family might have prospered over the years with our shop at the corner of Nottingham Road and Dovecote Road which did quite a good trade. However, with my parents’ lack of education and business acumen and with having 14 children, we always struggled to make ends meet. I remember us being twice thrown out onto the street because we could not pay the rent of 3/6d (three shillings and 6 pence).

Mother and father, huddled in overcoats, spent the night on the pavement with the furniture, while we children slept on chairs or on the floor of the Christians Meeting House on Dovecote Road. The Eastwood Pawn Shop was a god-sent-blessing in so many crises. We had three items for regular pawning – a nice wall clock, a blue serge man’s suit (too precious to be worn and kept wrapped in brown paper in mother’s drawer) and three blankets. They went back and forth like yo-yos for many a year!

There was a woman on Raglan Street who had a ‘pool’ of men’s and women’s black mourning wear for poor folks – free, of course. They were worn for the sad occasion then returned for the next customer. What did it matter if a man’s trousers were four or five inches short in the leg? Or his hat was too large or too small (it had to be worn, not carried). Or his wife hobbled along in odd shoes that didn’t fit? Nobody laughed, for they understood.

#### The First World War 1914–1918 – dealing with illness, Percy Cross

Far worse than the war, in its death toll, was the great and terrible flu epidemic of 1918, brought on principally by malnutrition. It spread across Europe, killing some 20 million people and reached England in the autumn. Schools closed for several weeks. A cough or a sneeze caused panic.

In Britain, some families lost two or three of their number but the Cross family came through it unscathed. We all wore flannel neckbands and camphor discs. Smarting chest rubs with horse liniment were a nightly operation and frequent scalding hot drinks of yarrow, wormwood and wood betony all helped to charm the dreaded scourge away – and we survived!

November rains helped to wash the flu away and with them came the Armistice, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. There was no great jubilation, however. The loss of fathers, sons and brothers was too poignant for that. All I remember was a solemn service in the square at Hilltop, which stopped all traffic and the lifting of the blackout. Our peace celebrations came in the summer of 1919 with a carnival procession and sports in the field across from Beauvale School, which inaugurated it as the new recreation ground.

*Percy’s story has close parallels to the recent Covid pandemic; however, the NHS and medicines in our modern day have provided extensive lifesaving treatments and cures for us all.*

## DOES THE MONARCHY STILL HAVE A PLACE IN MODERN SOCIETY?

Many people believe the Royal Monarchy still have a place in today's society, yet others may not agree with that. Some may disagree because they're jealous as their lives aren't as important, whereas some might just not agree with the ideas the Monarchy may promote or the actions they may follow through with. And whilst everyone is entitled to an opinion, the Royal Monarchy have done things that some may love, whilst others may hate it.

There are many reasons as to why the Royal Monarchy still have a place in modern society. Over the years, the Monarchy have put many things in place to help their nation along with trying to improve their country for the better. For example, Princess Diana opened a Children's Cancer Unit in 1993 and three years later represented the Royal Marsden for a fundraising event, and she managed to raise over £1 million for cancer research. Trying her best to help those struggling with cancer. Along with that, she opened the UK's first specialist HIV/AIDS unit and made everyone realise that HIV doesn't make people dangerous to know and you can still shake their hands and give them a hug. She made them feel as though they were no different to anybody else not even her, even though she had a high role in society. Yet she was not the only one who helped make a difference. Kate Middleton has worked with many children's organisations over the years, including the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families. Trying to make an impact, she helped as much as she could with charity work. Her husband, Prince William, undertook projects through the Royal Foundation, with his charity

work he focused it around mental health, conservation and emergency workers. Also, Prince Philip set up the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles set up the Princes' Trust - both of which help young people. These key people have tried to be role models for their country, trying to influence people to do better and to help make an impact by helping different charities which relate to hundreds of people in their society. And there is nothing else they could have done to show society that they still have a place and are still important.

However, others believe that there should not be a Royal Monarchy anymore. They believe that everyone should be equal. And that because of them, many social classes are struggling as they use their status in society to get things they want. And spend their time using more money than what they need for simplistic items. Some people believe that the Royal Monarchy do not do anything to help our society anymore. They feel that they do things to belittle others. Another reason as to why our society disagrees with the Royal Monarchy still having a place in society is because we are the ones responsible for paying for them through taxes. And many people find it unfair that we have to pay for them, when we may need the money ourselves, just for them to spend it on ridiculous items just because they have the ability to do so.

Everyone has an opinion as to whether the Royal Monarchy really do have a place in modern society today, but the question is - What is my opinion?

I believe the Royal Monarchy do deserve a

place in modern society today. Even though they may do things that irritate others like taxes they also help people as much as they can. People think that it is the Queen and her family that make all the political decisions and that they're the ones we should dislike for their decisions. When in reality, the Prime Minister is actually the one who is entitled to political decisions. But in my opinion, the Monarchy try to help as many of us as they can especially with reasons that matter. For example, Prince William was trying his hardest with those struggling with mental illness and trying to raise awareness for them. Trying to help people like me, who struggle with depression and anxiety or people like you struggling with eating disorders. People that matter to you struggling with schizophrenia or OCD, he helped support them and understand them. Whether people like it or not, we need the Royal Monarchy and we need their help and that is why they belong in modern society still.

**Sophie Shaw**

*Pupil of Eastwood Hall Park (written in 2022 prior to the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)*



*Sophie Shaw receiving the Mayor's Award for her Literary Contribution - photographs showing the Outgoing Mayor of Eastwood Town Council Councillor Ken Woodhead, Sophie Shaw and then Deputy Mayor of Eastwood Town Council, Councillor Mrs. Kathryn Boam*

**USEFUL DATES**

**Eastwood Town Council Diary for Meetings**

*No meeting held August 2023*

Monday 11th September 2023	7.00 p.m.
Monday 9th October 2023	7.00 p.m.
Monday 13th November 2023	7.00 p.m.
Monday 11th December 2023	7.00 p.m.

The public and press are cordially welcome to attend all meetings, subject to application of the Exclusion of Public Order as per Council Standing Orders.

All meetings are held in the Town Council Chamber, 120 Nottingham Road, Eastwood NG16 3NP and are publicised on the Town Council website [www.eastwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.eastwood-tc.gov.uk)

Committee meetings scheduled as required. Should dates be re-scheduled or an extraordinary meeting called, adequate legal notice of the revised dates will be published.

**Other dates for your diary**

**Eastwood Fun Day at Coronation Park**  
Thursday 3rd August 2023

**Activities for Young People ages 8 to 16 years old** 10th and 24th August 2023 organised by Eastwood Town Council & Eastwood Police (see report)

**Annual Remembrance Service & Parade**  
Sunday 12th November 2023

**Annual Christmas Lights Switch-on & Event**  
Tuesday 28th November 2023

# HALL PARK NEWS STORIES

## BROXTOWE YOUTH MAYOR

Hall Park Academy is pleased to announce that one of our students, **Millie Richards**, has been appointed Youth Mayor of Broxtowe following a recent local election.

It was open to all young people in Broxtowe, so needless to say we are very proud of Millie.

She will now attend regional events, as well as speaking at Broxtowe Council meetings to give the opinion of Broxtowe's youth.

The campaign began with all students writing their own manifestos which were then sent to all schools within the Broxtowe area. Students could then vote online for the candidates of their

choice. Millie gathered support from numerous areas and was welcomed by the Broxtowe Mayor during a ceremony at the county offices earlier this month.



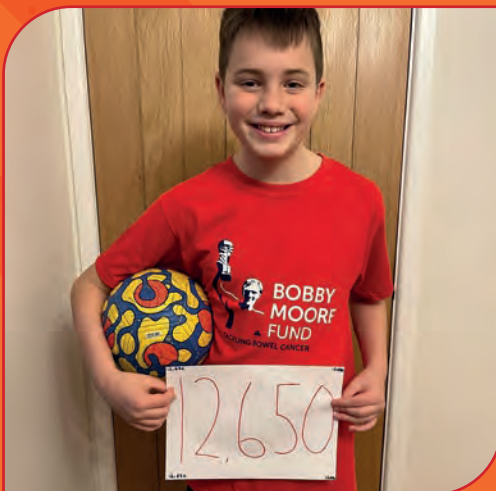
## CHARITY HERO

Huge congratulations to **Ethan** in Year 7 who has completed the "Cancer Research Keepy-Uppy Challenge".

He was tasked with completing at least 100 keepy-uppies every day for a whole month.

Not only did he manage to do this, he totalled a massive 12,650 keepy-uppies (on average that's over 420 a day) and raised £485!

Well done Ethan, everybody at Hall Park Academy is very proud of you!



## 2022 EASTWOOD LITERARY AWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

We were delighted to be informed that, following many fantastic entries, **Sophie Shaw** was selected as winner of the 2022 Eastwood Literary Awards winner for her piece commemorating the Queen's Jubilee.

Sophie was invited to attend an Eastwood Town Council meeting, held on Monday 12th December 2022, to receive her certificate and prize.

We would like to congratulate Sophie, and all those who entered, for the contributions to this competition. It was pleasing to see so many students take the opportunity to demonstrate their writing skills in such a prestigious competition.



## EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL GRANT AWARDS 15TH MAY 2023

At the Annual Town Meeting of Eastwood held Monday 15th May 2023, recipients of awards from the Town Council were invited to attend to receive their grants.

The following organisations received awards:-

Organisation	Award
1 Eastwood Neighbourhood Watch	£100.00
2 Eastwood Parkinsons Exercise Group	£150.00
3 Victory Vintage Caravans	£100.00
4 Eastwood & District Royal British Legion	£200.00
5 3rd Eastwood Scouts	£100.00
6 Age Concern	£500.00
7 Eastwood Men in Sheds	£150.00
9 Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	£750.00
11 Anchor Housing	£100.00
12 Elderberries	£100.00
13 Eastwood Town Cricket Club	£300.00
14 1st Eastwood Brownies	£150.00
16 Movement for All	£100.00
	<b>£2800.00</b>



*Photograph of the Outgoing Mayor Councillor Ken Woodhead presenting grant awards to local organisations.*



## SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH MEN IN SHEDS AT EASTWOOD BY DIANE ROWLEY



As a local Community Ambassador for The Nugget, it's wonderful to hear that work is well under way to bring **Men in Sheds** to Eastwood. There is now a possible (temporary) venue identified, with funding secured via the Durban House Community Hub, and along with a growing number of interested members, it's all looking really promising for our new Eastwood Shedders!

The facilities at the venue apparently look good, and although it will be a shared space and therefore will need to be cleared following each session, it is most certainly very do-able. Benches and storage will need to be created, which could make for an excellent first task and challenge, and there are plans in hand for the local Shedders to visit and learn from other local Men's Sheds at Kirkby, Swanwick and Huthwaite, along with the possibility of some trial Shed Sessions at Eastwood.

Wikipedia says the slogan for Men's Sheds "Shoulder to Shoulder" is shortened from "Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder", adopted after the 2008 Australian Men's Shed Association

conference.

In 2013 the UK Men's Shed Association was formed and at the time represented a group of 30 Sheds. In 2015 they became a charity providing formal support to the UK movement, with the total number of Men's Sheds now in operation currently standing at 600+. They

describe Men's Sheds as "community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they're fun."

I feel "Men in Sheds at Eastwood" is not only a fun project, but also the first step forward to better health for our local men. Having recently spoken to a very knowledgeable chap involved in Men's Talking Groups he gave me food for thought when he said, "It's not that men don't talk, it's that they have nowhere to talk."

Men in Sheds is just the beginning.

If you are interested in joining this local project, or can offer your support in some way, then please contact the Eastwood Men's Shed Interim Coordinator, Paul Lake, on [Paul.Lake@BrinselyWithUnderwood.com](mailto:Paul.Lake@BrinselyWithUnderwood.com) or go along to the monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month at the Dog and Parrot in Eastwood at 6.30pm. A website address is now up and running [www.eastwoodshed.co.uk/](http://www.eastwoodshed.co.uk/)

## BREATHE EASY NOTTINGHAM WEST

MEETINGS HELD ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY 1PM – 3PM AT: CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL, HILL TOP, 280 NOTTINGHAM ROAD, EASTWOOD NG16 2AQ

The Asthma & Lung UK support group Nottingham West group is just one of many groups across the country. It is the only UK charity working on behalf of all those with lung disease. We will be having our 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March and there are 6 other groups around the Nottingham area.

We offer support, advice, information on living with and self-managing a lung condition. It is also a chance to meet and socialise with people in a similar situation and break the social isolation that often comes with lung illness. The group is open to all those who fight for breath, their families and carers as a result of a lung condition.

We are so lucky to have the support of local COPD nurse specialists who come and offer advice and can refer you to Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) and other specialists.

There is a lunch club to start the monthly meeting, and a variety of medical and local interest talks. We hold local fund-raising events and raise awareness throughout the year.

We know the importance of exercise and how it can help with improving quality of life. Everyone who has a lung condition at a certain stage can be referred to Pulmonary Rehab it can offer a new lease of life and it's one of the cheapest most effective treatments we have.

PR is designed to improve the breathing and wellbeing of people with lung disease. The therapy PR is exercise, training and self-management skills. PR is suitable for any stable lung condition. It provides the opportunity to address the physical,

emotional and mental difficulties that patients face due to lung illness.

PR exercise and education is a wonderful way of becoming more active in a supportive environment.

Locally we provide a weekly specially adapted respiratory exercise class on Thursdays 9.45am at Plumpton Hall, Church St to help control breathlessness, boost confidence levels and well-being. Classes are seated or standing held at 3 different levels depending on ability.

We also know the benefits of singing if you have a lung condition so we have a Breathing Easy Singing Group every Wednesday 3-4pm at Parish Hall, Hill Top, Eastwood. Open to all. There is increasing evidence that singing regularly and as part of a group can help physically, psychologically and socially to reduce anxiety and depression and you may find the positive mood continues afterwards. Singing exercises the heart and lungs and provides excellent health benefits to everyone especially if you have a lung conditions.

We have an occasional games afternoon through winter and a regular Zoom meeting every Monday at 7pm, so hopefully there is something for everyone.

If you wish to know more about Breathe Easy groups and Asthma & Lung UK

Go to [www.blf.org.uk/support-for-you](http://www.blf.org.uk/support-for-you) There is an excellent helpline: **03000 030 555** or ring Teresa Burgoyne **07809 430616** for info about the group.



## EASTWOOD CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Best Christmas shop lights 2022



Eastwood Town Council, together with Broxtowe Borough Council Events & Leisure Department, organised another successful Christmas Lights Switch on Event on Tuesday 29th November 2022. New Christmas lighting, additional Tree of Lights display at Hilltop and lively events took place, including street drummers,

stalls, Santa's Grotto, free chocolate gifts for children donated by the Town Council, music, street entertainment and lots of stalls. The evening was completed with a fabulous firework display.

The event will take place this year on **Tuesday 28th November 2023**. More details will be available later in the year.

Let's start with a few figures, shall we? One road sign, two words, three syllables and thirteen letters, all making up the sign you see on the right and all that is left to give any indication that once on the site was a company, started back when World War Two was raging, employing almost 300 people.

I've never worked anywhere that has got a social club, maybe I'm in the wrong job, let alone a football and cricket team, but that is what Birnams, or Beamlight, or whichever name you may remember it by, had.

A company that, by the time of its demise employed close to 300 people, a lot of these local, especially at the start when commuting was unheard of, if it wasn't possible to walk, cycle or use public transport, then you really had trouble trying to get there.

In our last issue we left Birnams at a time when Eastwood was going through a major building growth period, areas like Plumptre Way and Chewton Street either being built or extended, a time when allotments were being turned over to housing and there were a lot of allotments in Eastwood back in the fifties and sixties. Also, a time when personal travel was becoming easier too, being able to attract workers from further afield with cars becoming the norm for households, so by the time the doors finally closed, its workforce was spread over a far wider area than just Eastwood.

I've had the privilege of being able to join a Facebook page for former employees and looking at some of the pics that have been posted about the sports and social club, about the football and cricket teams and about the camaraderie that existed



between workers and its strikes of older times, times before KPIs became the norm at companies, times when you joined your fellow workers out of work time and enjoyed a social time together, perhaps in that football or cricket team.

In my research I've heard of people who started work there in 1946 and staying until 1991, that's 45 years; how many of us today in this multi career worklife can say we will be at the same employer after ten years, let alone forty-five. During its time, it employed a few of Eastwood's dignitaries with various Councillors and Mayors spending time there. On the Facebook page people have posted about day trips to the likes of Blackpool and Yarmouth and enjoying going to watch the football team playing their matches. And even after it had closed, for a few years after there were reunion meetings and trips out to the seaside.

All was to change though in 2012 when it all came to an end, the last goods coming off the production line, the last lathe turned, the lights switched off for the final time, the clock card punched out for the last employee. No more asking what your work mates got up to over the weekend on a

Monday morning, a part of Eastwood history gone, just like the brickworks and railway station that shared the site earlier in its history.

And that could be where we end our story, after the gates closed that final time, and although it was the end of a seventy-year period in Eastwood's history, we are not quite finished yet.

The site stood empty and redundant for some time, with plenty of speculation and rumours about its future use, some saying it would be an industrial area, some saying it could be a site for a possible transport hub for the tram network. It was finally sold to a developer in 2020, where some 150 houses have been built, consuming over 1.8 million bricks, rather ironic really as the site used to produce bricks and is now an area utilising them, also employing the use of some forty different contractor trades.

So, the area has gone from employing people to housing people, but in the long term there will always be some form of employment there, with the new pandemic style method of people working from home and as the houses age, people will replace kitchens and bathrooms, have extensions built and landscaping carried out.

I just wonder though, how many people in the future living on Garland Drive or Jenkin Close, to name but two, when they are enjoying their dinner or when sat outside perhaps enjoying a glass of something nice, realise the history that is beneath their feet, the men working their lathes, the office staff poring over accounts, that lorry being loaded, that camaraderie that existed in huge amounts. As I said at the start of my article, in part one 'nothing lasts forever' and this is just another part of Eastwood's history which is forever changing. The need for new housing forever being a hot topic, how much more of our local industry will become housing in the future to cater for an ever-growing population.

I would just like to take a moment to thank two people for helping me with the research for this article, a piece which given the space and time could fill a book. They are (i) David Moore, for pointing me towards the Birnam Facebook page and (ii) Cliff Carlin, whose knowledge about Birnams is second to none, and finally to all the ex-employees who left comments about their experiences of their time there, a big thank you to you all, without which I would not have been able to bring you this piece.

**Research and article written by Eastwood Town Councillor Neil Levett**



*Some of the players of the Birnams football team.*



*One of the last photos of just some of the staff at Birnams.*



## EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT GARDENS – PLOTS AVAILABLE TO LET

**The Town Council has two allotment sites – Derby Road and Dovecote Road, Eastwood.**

There are several vacancies for tenants living in the Eastwood boundary. Please contact the Council office on 01773 719384 or email [office@eastwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@eastwood-tc.gov.uk) to register your interest. Tenancies subject to terms and conditions of the Allotment Agreement.

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort took place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Across the Coronation Weekend, opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion took place.

On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert was staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle. The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities were invited to share food and fun together, took place across the country on the same date.



## Girlguiding Eastwood district

We have amazing opportunities for girls aged 4 to 18 years, but for us to continue to provide these experiences we need adult leaders.

We have groups that are likely to close and girls on our waiting lists who are unfortunately waiting longer than we would like.

If you would like to volunteer with us please sign up at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer)

Some of our groups do have spaces for girls – you can register your interest on the Girlguiding UK website.



# Girlguiding



## Rainbows

For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



## Brownies

For ages 7 to 10



## Guides

For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



## Rangers

For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 306016



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
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## Police Officers deliver life-saving measures at suicide hotspot in Eastwood.

PC Matthew Leask and PC Richard Reynolds who patrol Eastwood, along with their fellow Officers from the Eastwood Section of Nottinghamshire Police, have helped introduce life saving measures in Eastwood.

Initially raising concerns with the Town Council, Borough and County Councils, the Officers were concerned with the number of incidents taking place around the Tinsley Bridge – which sits over the A610 between Eastwood and Kimberley – an extremely busy highway with vehicle speeds up to 70mph. The Officers were aware that any potential suicide attempt off the bridge would also be putting the lives of motorists, passengers, emergency services and Police Officers at high risk.

The Officers worked tirelessly with authorities and just over a year later, the bridge was protected with metal protective high barriers to prevent further incidents, funded by the local authority. Following on from this, the Police introduced signage at the bridge, directing people in distress

towards the support network they need to help them.

Police Inspector Mike Ebbins commented “Neighbourhood Policing is all about identifying issues in the community and then working with partners to solve the problem. There is no better example of this than the action which can be seen here in Eastwood at Tinsley Bridge. I am immensely proud of PC Leask and PC Reynolds for their perseverance and hard work here. We will always be there to help people at their lowest points and these measures I hope will go some way to protecting those who find themselves at Tinsley Bridge”.

**If you or any member of your family or friends are affected by this article, someone is there to listen to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week:-**

- Turning Point (UK) for Nottingham area  
0808 196 3779
- Samaritans 116 123

*Eastwood Town Councillors, Staff, P.C. Leask & P.C. Reynolds following completion of the bridge.*





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**All enquiries please dial 101 or 999 in an emergency**

This is my opportunity to provide the residents of Eastwood with some updates so I will start with Safer Streets and end with a crime priority update.

2023 will be a significant year for the residents of Eastwood. If you recall, last year the Police Crime Commissioner announced that Broxtowe's bid for Safer Streets funding had been successful. Quick reminder then, Safer Streets is a government funded initiative supporting crime prevention plans in areas affected by high levels of neighbourhood crime. I worked with Broxtowe Borough Council partners to submit an evidence-based plan for Eastwood. The plan was submitted to the Home Office and gained their approval. This successful bid will now provide us with a budget of around £250,000 to invest in a range of crime prevention measures for our area.

The work is now under way and so you should have already started to see the infrastructure going up around you.

We have spent £112,000 on new CCTV cameras across the area, including £20,000 on cameras inside the stairwell at Scargill Walk to deter issues there. Scargill Walk will also be subject of some new security double glazing with the old window bars removed to freshen up the place.

Car parks in Victoria Street and Alexander Street will get some investment to improve the standard for our residents and prevent vehicle crime; Eastwood will now benefit from improved ANPR vehicle recognition cameras on our roads to better identify vehicles using our roads for criminality.

I am sure you have already seen my Officers out on their new Safer Streets funded electric bikes. This gets them out of the car and more visible to you. The bikes are already proving to be invaluable at making stealth arrests; a few weeks back PC LEASK and PC REYNOLDS were able to respond to a theft at a store on their bikes, using the silent approach which the bikes allow, they swooped and detained this wanted person. He was found to have stolen items and drugs on his person and was outstanding for additional crime. Great result. If you see them out on the bikes please do have a chat with the officers and take a look yourself.

If you have any questions relating to Safer Streets please let me know direct or for further information go on Broxtowe Borough Council's website.

So to our local crime priorities, they remain Drugs, ASB and Road Crime;

## **DRUGS**

Drug dealing brings anti-social behaviour, theft, violence and exploitation to the area and Eastwood remains my priority area for drug dealing activity. Thanks to the information you give us, we continue to make massive strides in combatting this problem. Op Reacher Officers in partnership with the Neighbourhood Team execute three drugs warrants a week on average in your area so please keep the information coming through to Crimestoppers. We have made lots of arrests and seized a lot of money. We are also actively working with housing teams to get these properties closed down.

## ASB

Sgt Simon BOYLES and his team are aware of the issues caused by younger persons in and around Eastwood and they have been conducting a number of schools visits to educate pupils around what is acceptable behaviour. Should you have concerns about poor behaviour please call us on 101 so we can target ASB hotspot locations.

## ROAD CRIME

Speeding regularly comes top of the PCC crime survey for residents of Broxtowe and I appreciate the frustration and concern this brings. Community Speed Watch is an initiative that we have led from the front with and the processes put in place by my Eastwood Team have now been adopted

force-wide. This is some achievement. The volunteers at Awsworth Parish Council, our pilot team, have seized upon the opportunity and recently featured on the BBC to showcase their efforts. I would personally encourage any resident who wants to bring a Community Speed Watch initiative to their area to contact [CSW@NOTTS.POLICE.UK](mailto:CSW@NOTTS.POLICE.UK) and we will get you set up.

As always, if you feel you have an initiative that would benefit from your local Eastwood Police Team attending please do make contact.

Thank you for reading.

Inspector Mike EBBINS



# Eastwood's Coronation Playday

**Join us for some summer fun at Eastwood Playday on Thursday 3rd August at Coronation Park, 12.00 – 4.00pm. It will celebrate National Playday and The Coronation of King Charles III.**

The event is free entry (some activities will have a small charge) and is organised by the Broxtowe Events team on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council in conjunction with Eastwood Town Council.

There will be an array of activities for children of all ages to enjoy including circus skills, inflatables, arts & crafts, puppet shows, climbing, activities for under 5s & some children's fair rides. There will be a variety of stalls, food and ice cream.

Coronation-themed activities will include Royal crowns, face painting, hair braiding, maypole dancing and you may catch a glimpse of a Royal Footman.

Free car parking is via the Chewton Street Entrance NG16 3LQ.





Broxtowe  
Borough  
COUNCIL



JOIN US FOR SOME SUMMER FUN  
FIVE exciting days for the family



# PLAYDAYS

Inflatables\* | Fair rides\* | Arts and crafts | Puppet shows & more  
\*A small charge may apply to some activities

## 12.00pm - 4.00pm

**BEESTON**  
Broadgate Park  
NG9 2EF  
Friday 28 July

**EASTWOOD**  
Coronation Park  
NG16 3LQ  
Thursday 3 August  
Supported by Eastwood Town Council

**KIMBERLEY**  
Kimberley School Field  
NG16 1FB  
Wednesday 9 August  
With thanks to Kimberley School

**STAPLEFORD**  
Hickings Lane Recreation Ground  
NG9 8PJ  
Tuesday 1 August  
Supported by Stapleford Town Council

**CHILWELL**  
Inham Nook Recreation Ground  
NG9 4GY  
Monday 7 August

Free public parking on site  
(except Beeston - Use town centre car parks)



[www.broxtowe.gov.uk/events](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/events)



Eastwood Town Council Mayor Councillor Mrs. Kathryn Boam & Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Matthew Bullock receiving their Civic Chains Of Office at the Annual Town Council Meeting held 15th May 2023 following elections which took place for the Council on 4th May 2023.

photo courtesy  
of Sheena Trower,  
Town Clerk



## Regular happenings at St Mary's Church Eastwood

**EACH SUNDAY 10.30AM THE WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICE.**

**And St Mary's Eastwood Facebook Page.**

**WOMENS GROUP.** Meets on the second Monday of each month in the Church Lounge. For more information contact Anne Hawkins on 01773 780596.

**MENS FELLOWSHIP.** Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Lounge. For more information contact Ron Jones 01773 423649.

**CRAFT & CHAT.** Meets on the first & third Mondays of the month in the Parish Rooms at 2pm. Contact Judith Queripel 01773 788047 for more information.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP.** Meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Church Lounge. Contact Pat Hemstock on 07800 757009.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP.** Meets fortnightly from 2pm in the Church Lounge. For more information contact Jackie Smith on 01773 713897.

**SING FOR FUN/SOCIAL.** Meets fortnightly in the Church Lounge from 2pm. For more information 01773 710770

**PHOENIX YOUTH CAFE** Meets on the first Sunday of the month from 5pm for information Contact Jane Ellis 07789 233016.

**BELLRINGERS.** Meet in the bell tower every Friday evening at 7pm for practice and ring for the service on Sunday. Information from Dorothy Wright 01773 714582.

**PLACES OF WELCOME DROP IN COFFEE MORNING.** Church Lounge each Friday morning 10am-12 noon. Free drink & cake. Open invitation to all.

**WARM HUB SOUP & ROLL.** Each Friday from 12 noon. Open invitation to all.

FOR WEDDINGS, CHRISTENING AND FUNERAL INFORMATION.

**Vicar** .Rev David Stevenson . 5 Woodland Way. Eastwood. NG16 3BU  
Tel 01773 710 770. Email [revdavidstevenson@sky.com](mailto:revdavidstevenson@sky.com).

**Do please join us, you will be most welcome.**

**See our Website for further details [www.eastwoodparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.eastwoodparishchurch.co.uk)**

## Contact Information

### Eastwood Town Council

120 Nottingham Road Eastwood NG16 3NP  
01773 719384

Town Clerk Sheena Trower CiLCA

### Broxtowe Borough Council

Foster Avenue Beeston Nottingham NG9 1AB  
0115 917 7777

### Nottinghamshire County Council

County Hall West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7QP  
0300 500 8080

### Homelessness in Broxtowe -

contact Housing Options 0115 917 7777

**Jigsaw** to help young people with alcohol and drug addiction 0115 948 4314 or email

[jigsaw@cgl.org.uk](mailto:jigsaw@cgl.org.uk)

**Police** in an emergency 999; non-emergencies please dial 101

**Crimestoppers** you can call anonymously 0800 555111 (calls cannot be traced on this number)

## Health

**Eastwood Primary Care Centre** Church Walk Eastwood NG16 3BH 01773 304700 or Church Walk Surgery 01773 304700

**Newthorpe Medical Centre** Harvest Road Eastwood NG16 3HU 01773 535511

**Eastwood Dental Practice** 130 Nottingham Road Eastwood NG16 3GD 01773 535500

### Church View Dental Practice

22 Church Street Eastwood 01773 762786

## Schools

**Hall Park Academy** Mansfield Road Eastwood NG16 3EA 01773 786212

**Springbank Academy & Nursery** Peacock Drive Eastwood NG16 3HW 01773 762277

### Lawrence View Primary & Nursery School

Walker Street Eastwood NG16 3FP  
01773 719463

**The Florence Nightingale Academy** Chewton Street, Eastwood NG16 3HB 01773 713452

**Priory Catholic Primary School** Raglan Street, Eastwood NG16 3GT 01773 713731

## Local Organisations

**Age Concern**, Edward Road, Eastwood NG16 3EU for social and lunch events during the week contact 01773 423100

**Victim Support** If you have been affected by a crime or circumstances please call 0800 304 7575

**Eastwood Volunteer Bureau with Eastwood Food Bank**, Wellington Place, Eastwood NG16 3GB - contact 01773 535255

**Eastwood Volunteer Bureau** provides a volunteer transport scheme for those who cannot use buses to go to medical appointments, lunch clubs etc. A befriending scheme in which volunteers visit isolated people, usually weekly. Food bank every week. Please contact 01773 535255 or email [manager@evbvols.org.uk](mailto:manager@evbvols.org.uk) for further details.

**RSPCA Nottingham** to report animal cruelty please contact 0300 1234 999

**Citizens Advice Bureau** Wellington Place Eastwood Nottingham NG16 3GB 0844 499 4194

**Broxtowe Women's Project** help and advice relating to domestic abuse confidential line 07914 634 190 or 01773 719111

[enquiries@broxtowewp.org](mailto:enquiries@broxtowewp.org)

## Local Groups

**Breathe Easy** 07809 430 616 meets at Catholic Church Hall second Wednesday of every month.

**Eastwood Elderberries** 01773 715104 meets at Greasley Sports Hall every Friday afternoon 2 - 4 pm.

**Eastwood Town Cricket Ground** NG16 3FR



[EastwoodTownCricketClub](https://www.facebook.com/EastwoodTownCricketClub)

Eastwood U3a [eastwoodu3a.org](http://eastwoodu3a.org)

Please contact Eastwood Town Council to add your group names to the contacts page [townclerk@eastwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@eastwood-tc.gov.uk) or call 01773 719384