

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 9th November as follows:

St John's Church, Eggescliffe: There will be a service in church at 10.00am, followed by a procession to Eggescliffe War Memorial at 10.45am.

All Saints Church, Preston on Tees: Service commences at 9.45am, the parade will then make its way to the War Memorial, Albert Road.

Although there is no formal service, a poppy wreath will be laid at the War Memorial outside the Great North Air Ambulance Service offices at Urray Nook.

[Welcome to this Eggescliffe and Eaglescliffe Council Newsletter!](#)

Welcome all, to the latest edition of the Eggescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Newsletter. First of all, I would like to thank the outgoing chair, Marc de Launay, for all his time and effort in chairing your parish council for the last two years, I will do my best to continue the good work. And, indeed, I would like to thank the other councillors for their dedication to the role, and patience with me, as I get up to speed. Also, I must thank the tireless work of our current clerk, Norma Ironside, for keeping us all right, liaising with contractors, managing the finances and the other myriad of responsibilities that keep the council going, as she prepares to transition to the more fun activities of retirement.

As we move on through what remains of 2025 and into 2026, I would like to emphasise the need for more people to join the council as we currently have six vacancies. If you care about your community and what happens in it, please consider joining us. If you're not sure, pop along to one of our meetings to see how we do things.

Let me also like to take this opportunity to applaud the success of the recent fête on Eggescliffe Green. Having missed out on last year's customary summer fête, this year's was arranged to coincide with the bicentenary of the world's first passenger railway, the Stockton & Darlington Railway, which ran through this parish. Our thanks to the Eggescliffe Area Residents' Association (EARA), who undertook most of the organisation, booking a Punch & Judy show, a magician, a fire engine, food vendors and craft traders and not one, but three live music acts to entertain us, into the evening. If you'd like to get involved with next year's event, please contact the clerk.

Finally, We have recently seen the completion of the final phase of the Amberley Way play area improvements. (see inside for details). I hope you will all enjoy and make the most of these too.

Thank you, Cllr Kathryn Roebuck

New clerk

As alluded to, in the Chair's welcome, our current Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Norma Ironside, who has a firm grip on the reins of the council, making sure we are within our remits and legally entitled to do what we do (or would like to do), has decided to step down from the position and take early retirement.


At the time of going to print the new Clerk has accepted the role and is expected to start during November. Currently the clerk for a smaller parish, our new clerk comes to us well aware of the requirements and responsibilities involved in being a parish clerk and ready to take on the challenges of a larger council. So, thank you for all your hard work and dedication, Norma! We will introduce the new clerk in the next newsletter, when she has had a chance to settle in.

Anti Social Behaviour

Anti social behaviour unfortunately remains a problem in the area, with incidents at St Margaret's play area and deliberate damage to newly installed equipment at Amberley Way.

Our play & recreation areas give hours of pleasure to both adults and children in our parish and we don't want them to become un-useable because of the actions of the few.

Please help by reporting any ASB to the Civic Enforcement Team as soon as you see a problem.

- Tel: 01642 607943
- **Email:**
ciivc.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk
- OR or use the COPA app. 

In an emergency contact the police.

Allotments



The Parish Council own two allotment sites, one in Egglecliffe Village and another, Eliff's Mill, on the A67 (Airport Rd). Both sites have low rents. Waiting lists for both sites are open to Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe residents. If you would like to apply for an allotment please contact the Clerk on 01642 785951 or email clerk@egglecliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VENUES

This newsletter cannot carry details of all coming events due to its twice yearly issue, so it's worth keeping your eyes open on notice boards, social media and the local press. We are privileged to be served here by community halls, run by volunteers, with charitable status. They are:

Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane:
<http://www.egglecliffeparishhall.co.uk/events-ticket-information.html>

Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane

<https://www.eggcomctr.co.uk/upcoming-events/>

Eaglescliffe Village Hall, 590A, Yarm Road

<http://www.teesvalleyvillagehalls.net/eaglescliffe.html>

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Section 137 Grants

Your parish council has a small pot of money available to give to social groups or charitable organisations, based in or that benefit the parish and its residents.

This financial year, grants have been awarded to the Egglecliffe Girl Guides to celebrate the Guides' 100th birthday and to increase membership; and Egg Soup, the physical, community newspaper, written and produced by the students of Egglecliffe School, to help with printing costs, and with whom we have plans to develop closer links. We also use this fund to make an annual donation to the Royal British Legion.

If you have a community group, society or charity that provides a service or benefits to the residents of Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe parish and could make good use of a grant, please contact the clerk for an application form.



AMBERLEY WAY PLAY AREA—NEW EQUIPMENT

We have recently had the final four pieces of play equipment installed into Amberley Way Play Area: a sky-rail, a ball chute, a spinner and a standing see-saw.

This now means that we have a good variety of equipment right across this play area (inclusive equipment, equipment for toddlers, small children, older children and teenagers, slides, swings, spinners, rockers and climbing pieces, plus a

couple of picnic tables – somewhere for the adults to rest) making full use of the space available.



Planning Applications

Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the planning process and informed of all planning applications within the parish. The council can only comment on these planning applications once agreed by all councillors and counts as one opinion. The council encourages residents to make their own opinions known.

Stockton Borough Council planning portal is easy to access online and applications/comments can be viewed even if a comment is not submitted. To view applications for the parish, search for "parish" *Egglecliffe* in the advanced search. You can view neighbouring parish applications too and are welcome to make comments if affects you. <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/view-comment-planning>



Save the Date...Sunday 12th July 2026...Summer Fete

Following the great success of the Bicentenary fete on the village green in September, it has been agreed that the parish council will support and fund a 2026 Summer fete in collaboration with Egglecliffe Area Residents Association on the green next year on Sunday 12th July 2026.



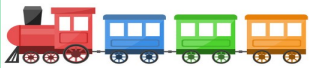
Happy 2nd Anniversary to the Egglecliffe Community Litter Project (ECLP)



Formed by local resident Rebecca in June 2023, the group of over 80 volunteers (and growing) have carried out over 400 litter picks resulting in over 1100 bags of litter collected during 2025 so far. That's a lot of hours volunteering on behalf of the community to keep the area clean.

- Duke of Edinburgh scheme students from Egglecliffe School have been taking part.
- Working with the five local primary schools on a campaign for anti litter signs to be located near the schools designed by the children themselves. Sponsored by local companies.
- Continued collaboration with Brownies, Beavers and Cubs with a local company kindly donating child sized hi viz for keeping young pickers safe.
- With local support have had 2 community bins installed on Cleasby Way
- Considerable amount of legacy waste from the 1970s and 1990s cleared from local woodland, some items kept as educational needs to explain how long waste takes to decompose.
- Fast approaching the 2000th bag of litter since 2023 and their thanks to Care For Your Area who collect all their picked waste.

For further information or if you would like to help the group email: eaglescliffecpl@gmail.com



Stockton & Darlington Railway 200th Anniversary Celebrations



200 years ago this Autumn, our parish was part of an event which made history and was to change the World. On 27th September 1825 an innovative steam engine (*Locomotion* No.1) hauled a long train of passengers and goods from Shildon to Stockton Quayside, opening the Stockton & Darlington Railway. Other railways quickly followed in Britain and all over the World. The Darlington-to-Saltburn train service still follows part of the 1825 route as far as Egglecliffe South Junction. The original route then ran through what became Egglecliffe (Tittybottle) Memorial Park, then along the east side of Yarm Road.

Large crowds visited and managed to find a spot to see reproductions of the 1825 loco, wagons and a carriage due to travel through Urray Nook and Allen's West at 6.15 a.m. on September 28th 2025 on it's journey to Stockton station. 100 years previously saw a much bigger parade, watched by the Duke & Duchess of York (later King George Vith & Queen Elizabeth) at Urray Nook.

As mentioned in our last *Newsletter* we hope to have more permanent commemorations in the parish, including plaques at sites of railway history. Meanwhile, have a look at the notice board in Chaldron Way, which explains how the streets on that estate were named!

For several years there have been proposals for a cycle- and footpath parallel to the 1825 line. It was hoped that would include a path from Black Diamond Way to the new bridge over the railway at Egglecliffe Station, but private ownership of intervening land will not allow it. For the time being, Stockton Council will lock the gate from Wass Way into the new car park on Durham Lane Ind. Park. Pedestrians and cyclists wanting the new bridge will need first to go past Tetley's on Cleasby Way. We are advised that there is no public right of way to Victoria Road past *Whiteley Springs* and under the railways.

When Network Rail changed the gates and demolished the signal box at Urray Nook Crossing, they also demolished the original walling dating back to 1825. They are still to fulfil a promise to rebuild it.

Our thanks to all who took part in the bicentenary celebrations, such as the peg-dolls which were decorated on the theme of "Journeys", which were displayed in Preston Hall. There's still time to buy one of the mugs produced by Egglecliffe Community Centre or a souvenir book. In 2022 Cleveland Industrial Archaeological Society published a research report on the Yarm Branch line. It ran from 1825 to 1872 alongside Durham Lane and Urray Nook Road to the rear of the *Cleveland Bay* (the World's first railway tavern). Your parish council is a corporate member of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, who have published attractive "Railway Walk" booklets on "The Yarm Branch" and Egglecliffe Junction to Stockton Quayside.

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Council meetings, are usually held on the first Thursday each month at All Saints Church, Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe. These meetings are open to the public and press. If there's something you wish to discuss with your Councillor, please come along, you are welcome to observe from 7pm and there are opportunities at 8pm to speak at the meeting.

Forthcoming meetings are :-

4th December 2025; 8th and (provisionally) 22nd January, 5th February, 5th March, 2026

Check our website <http://www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including the dates of committee meetings. There are currently vacancies on the Council, for further information or if interested to join the council please contact the Clerk.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Anti-social Behaviour: If you are experiencing Anti Social Behaviour in your area, contact the Civic Enforcement Service or use the COPA app.



In an emergency contact the police.

Civic Enforcement Service Tel: 01642 607943 *Email: civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk*
Your concerns will be passed on to a dedicated officer for that area who will be able to offer advice and information, and take action where necessary.

Neighbourhood Policing Call 101.

In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, ring 999

Care For Your Area Tel. 01642 391959 *Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk*.

Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly-tipping (removal), etc.

Street Lighting Tel. **01642 391959** Damaged or defective street lights - quote the identification number from the light, bollard or sign and the address of the closest building or road name.

Samaritans 116123 Free any time from any phone. Local branch **01642 217777** (charges apply)

COMMENTS

If you would like to comment, raise suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!) or on any items in this newsletter, please contact the council by email, telephone, or by letter with your contact details which will only be used for the purpose of responding to your comments and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.



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