

EARSWICK VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Sewage Problems

Yorkshire Water has recently had to attend a number of blockage incidents in the public sewerage system in the village. They believe that these have been caused by the incorrect disposal from domestic properties of fat, oil, grease and non-biodegradable items such as disposable nappies and wet wipes. Sewers are designed only to carry rain water, sewage and toilet paper. Large quantities of other items being flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink creates problems within sewers and at the wastewater treatment plant. Preventing these types of events is preferable than trying to rectify a blockage which can cause backing up of sewers leading to unpleasant odours, flooding and pollution of rivers. So please dispose of the items mentioned responsibly.

River Access Land

The Parish Council have been successful in obtaining a grant to develop the land between the Ring Road and the back of Shilton Garth Close and Stablers Walk into woodland. This will involve the planting of about 700 trees. The first step is to plough the existing field to about one metre in order to bury the fertile weed seeds deep under the surface. Trees will then be planted towards the **backend of November** and will consist of a mixture of silver birch, field maple, alder, cherry, rowan and thorns. We will need help in planting such a large number of trees. **Please contact the Parish Council if you are willing to help.**

Village Survey

Thank you to all those people who took part in the recent village survey. Some 200 questionnaires were returned representing around 60% of the village. The analysis of the forms has been completed and the provisional actions arising from it were debated at the Council meeting held on the 5th September. A copy of the final report will be available on the Earswick Website, if you require a hardcopy please contact the Parish Clerk.

Ward Funding

Provision has been awarded from the Strensall Ward Fund for 2011/12 for the purchase of two benches for the village and/or the installation of an inducted loop hearing system in the village hall. The village has submitted a number of requests for 2012/13 ward funding; Purchase of two gazebos for the Scented Garden to provide shade and shelter. Refurbishment of the chairs in the village hall. Replacement of the perimeter fence at the children's playarea. Purchase of equipment to support an annual Christmas tree to be erected in the village. When you receive your copy of Your Ward **please use your vote** to enable us to be in a strong position to receive further funding.

Road Safety

It's good to know that parents feel confident of their children's safety around Earswick. It has been a joy to see so many children obviously enjoying the summer holidays playing outside, in the streets, using the play park, and football pitch, BMX track and Village Green. What is a little worrying is that some children are playing on the roadways unaware of the traffic. Not all vehicles are from the village, some sadly do not drive with young children in mind, they drive too fast and on the wrong side of the road. **Please teach your children how to play safely.** No one wants playtime to end in A & E at YDH.

Village History

As part of the Village Plan it is hoped to be able to put together a history of the village. If you have any knowledge of the village, events, people, stories and especially any old photographs we would be delighted to hear about it. Please contact any of the councillors with any information you may have. Any original photos will be returned.

Discussion Forum

One of the issues raised from the village survey was that there wasn't a way for people interested in forming a club or social group to get in touch with each other. The Parish website (www.earswick.org.uk) has a Discussion Forum page which can be used for just such a purpose.

Recycling of Bulky Refuse Items

Another issue raised in the village survey was the disposal of bulky refuse items. A particular problem for older and non-driving residents. The City of York Council do offer a Household Waste Special Collection Service for collecting such items, although they do make a charge.

Dog Fouling

The situation regarding Dog Fouling continues to be a problem. A dog has recently fouled in the front garden of an Earswick Chase resident. Dogs are continuing to foul on footpaths and the green open spaces. Please be aware that it is an offence.

Water Voles

It has been brought to our attention that Water Voles in the River Foss are being killed by dogs. Please note that Water Voles are a protected species and this sport is unacceptable.

Unsolicited Salespeople

If you are concerned by unsolicited sales people you should contact local Trading Standards on 01904 551562.

Overnight Parking

Please note that it is not permitted to park overnight in the Parish Council owned car parks. Signs are now in place to this effect.

Informal Meeting

Meet your Parish Councillors over a glass of wine and mince pie at an informal Parish Meeting on Monday 12th December 7.30 to 9pm.

Autumn Fair

In Earswick Village Hall

Saturday 8 October 2011 2-4 pm

Christmas cards & gifts,

cake stall, tombola and

refreshments

Parish Councillors

Cllr Derek Jones - Chairman
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Next Parish Council Meeting Date:
Monday 17th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Any changes to dates, additional meetings and the Agenda will be displayed on the Village Hall notice board