



LITTLE EATON NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

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Users of the playground will have noticed the new self closing access gate. This upgrade follows resident feedback that the original side gate was difficult to use for those with mobility issues due to the slope, angle of approach and width. The side gate has been permanently closed.

The Parish Council are now actively seeking grant opportunities to install a basket swing on the playground. This will be an additional piece of equipment in the bottom corner close to the new entrance. Basket swings are accessible for all and always popular with children and their adults!

The roundabout refurbishment by volunteers is ongoing and the new surface has been installed in anticipation.



All playgrounds must display appropriate signage at each entrance in case of emergencies/damage reporting.

In order to save funds the Parish Council have constructed and installed these ourselves.

Now the grass has dried out we plan to undertake some jet washing when councillors get the opportunity.

Hopefully you can see that the Parish Council is committed to keeping our popular playground maintained and safe.



Village Hall

We're delighted to share that the new solar PV system at Little Eaton Village Hall is now installed and generating clean, renewable electricity.



This fantastic project has been made possible thanks to the generous support of Hoare Lea, through their Community Decarbonisation Fund. We are extremely grateful for their investment in our village and their commitment to supporting local carbon reduction initiatives.

The solar installation will significantly reduce the Hall's carbon emissions while helping to secure its long-term sustainability as one of the most important community hubs in Little Eaton. From Pre-School and Youth Café sessions to sports clubs, WI meetings, fitness classes and the annual carnival, the Hall

plays a vital role in village life — and this project helps protect it for the future.

A huge thank you again to Hoare Lea for supporting our vision, and to all the volunteers and residents who continue to make these projects possible.

If you'd like to get involved in our environmental activities, please get in touch or follow our page for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/littleeatonvillagehall>

Bookings: <https://hallbookingonline.com/littleeaton/>

Morley Hayes The Dovecote Restaurant



Champagne Breakfast

Wednesday to Saturday
Served 10am-12.30pm

Afternoon Tea

Thursday to Saturday
Served 2-4 pm

Dinner

Friday to Sunday
served 6.30-9pm

Sunday Lunch

Served 12 noon-4pm



Gift vouchers are available from Morley Hayes online at morleyhayes.com

Main Road, Morley, DE7 6QA
enquiries@morleyhayes.com
01332 782005

Environmental Action Group

The Parish Council have secured some grant money to be used for environmental initiatives. Millennium Way is the first area to benefit with volunteers planting seven trees in January. We have chosen native, low growing varieties so as not to become overbearing or a maintenance issue in the future.



Hopefully these will mature and add interest to this stretch of the village whilst helping out our local wildlife. We plan to plant more native trees in the future. If you would like to join the EAG please contact: james.reid@litleeatonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Little Eaton Local History Society – Newsletter Update (May 2026)

Thank you, as always, to our members for your continued support of the programme.

We have enjoyed a wide variety of topics, both local and general, with several excellent turnouts.

Meetings are held on Mondays at 7:30pm at the OAP Hall. Our upcoming programme is as follows:

May 11th

1. Brief AGM
2. The Poplars – Little Eaton's Mystery House – Chris Stone

June 8th

Mill Green and the Bleach Mill – Philip Hunter and Alan Cartwright

July 13th

Guided Tour at Wingfield Station (South Wingfield) – Dave Young

September 14th

Little Eaton School – Clare Howard

October 12th

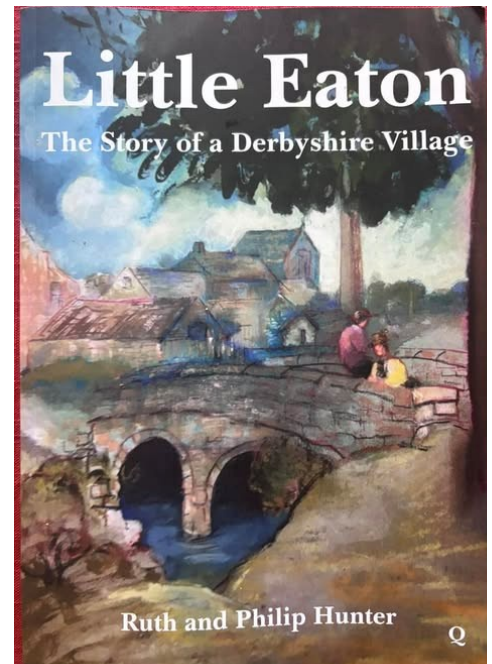
The Duffield Light Railway – Peter Tulloch

November 9th

My Derbyshire Journey – Ashley Franklin

The four history boards planned for the Greenway are progressing well. The designs are currently with a local printer, and construction will be undertaken by our blacksmith, Steven Oldknow.

We are grateful to the Carnival Committee for their generous financial donation to this project. These designs, along with four additional boards, will be displayed at our stand at this year's carnival.



I am also delighted to report that a book on the history of Little Eaton, drawing on our local research and website is now available.

Copies can be purchased at LELHS meetings £10 per copy

David Young (Chair) LELHS

Little Eaton Diamonds Under 7- players wanted

Join Little Eaton Diamonds Under 7 Football Team – New Season Starting This September!

Are you looking for a fun, friendly, and active environment for your child to enjoy football? We are currently recruiting boys and girls to join our Under 7 team for the upcoming new season starting this September. Our current training sessions are designed especially for children currently in Reception and Year 1, focusing on developing key football skills in an enjoyable and engaging way. Whether your child is completely new to football or already loves playing, everyone is welcome to come along and get involved.

Training currently takes place every Saturday at St Peters Park, Little Eaton at 10:30am. Each session lasts 45 minutes and is carefully structured to keep children active, learning, and smiling throughout. We focus on the fundamentals of the game—such as dribbling, passing, balance, and coordination—while also encouraging teamwork, confidence, and a love for football.

Our coaching approach is all about making football fun. Through games, challenges, and small-sided activities, children build their skills naturally without pressure. It's a great way for them to make new friends, stay active, and grow in confidence ahead of the new season.

As we prepare for September, now is the perfect time to get involved, meet the coaches, and become part of the team. Early participation helps children feel more comfortable and ready when matches begin.

If your child is interested in joining a welcoming and supportive football environment, come down to a Saturday session and see what it's all about. We'd love to see some new faces and help the next generation of players take their first steps in football.

No experience needed—just enthusiasm and a pair of boots!

Little Eaton Diamonds FC

www.littleeatondiamonds.co.uk



Little Eaton Parish Council

Serving the people of Little Eaton

Little Eaton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 2026

An update for Parishioners

After a number of years where the Parish Council has invited all the Village Voluntary Organisations to display their projects and plans to residents at the Annual Community Forum and Village Meeting, and provide drinks and entertainment, we have reviewed the feedback and come to the conclusion that it was not well attended enough to continue with that format. So there will be a short Annual

Parish Meeting prior to the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 20th May at 7-7.30pm. The PC will go through the information on the slides displayed and answer any questions or comments from parishioners who attend. We will also be looking at delivering the presentation online in some format for people to access and comment on.

Annual Community Forum and Annual Parish Meeting
20th May 2026 7-7.30pm
Little Eaton Village Hall
All Welcome

2025-26 Achievements

Solar panel installation on VH

Churchyard project & Derby Daybreak Rotary involvement

Park usage increased by sports clubs, more football & cricket fixtures & training

Playground Improvements

New trees Millenium Way

Income FY25/26 Budget

Precept	Precept (2% increase)	£44,303.00
Concurrent	Concurrent	£ -
Rents		£ 3,783.00
Advertising - newsletter	Sponsorship	£ 800.00
Charity Investment Income	Bates Park	£ 160.00
Bank Interest	Bates Caretaker	£ 400.00
HMRC	NatWest	£ 240.00
Wayleave	Annual VAT Reclaim	£ 3,605.00
Cleaning Recharge to VH	Western Power	£ 3.00
Insurance Recharge	TB toilets	£ 4,128.00
		£ 2,784.00
Total Recurrent Income		£60,206.00
Non recurrent Income	Grants	£ -
	Treasurers Salary	£ -
	Donation from WI fundraising	£ 2,340.00
Total Non-recurrent Income		£ 2,340.00
TOTAL INCOME		£62,546.00

Projects and Expenditure

Non-Recurrent Projects **£ 12,201**

- Parks & Open Spaces: **£11,091**
 - Resurfacing Playground & new Gate £4,117
 - Churchyard Trees £2,576
 - Churchyard Path resurfacing £2,640
 - Park Pedestrian Access Church Rd £ 960
 - Roundabout Refurbishment £ 495
 - New Litter Bin Playground £ 303
- Other Projects **£1,110**
 - Recycle Phone Box setup £ 210
 - New Speed bumps for VH Car Park £ 900

Expenditure 2025-26

Admin & Office Costs	£11,095.02
Chairmans Allowance	£ -
Newsletters	£911.25
Section 137	£1,250.00
Youth activities	£1,083.00
Public Toilet Maintenance	£4,886.27
Public space maintenance	£2,247.00
Park & Open Spaces Maintenance Contracts	£18,213.25
School Clock Maintenance	£277.00
Utilities	£2,335.93
Insurance/Inspections	£6,030.74
Total Recurrent Expenditure	£48,329.46
Non-Recurrent Projects	£12,201.64
Total Expenditure	£60,531.10

Thanks

All the village organisations for their enthusiastic enhancement of our community & environment.

All my fellow councillors & Gill Turner, our Clerk for all they have achieved this past year.

All volunteers past and present for their invaluable contributions to enhancing our village.

Derby Daybreak Rotary & the Friends of the Churchyard group for their exceptional hard work in Churchyard



Little Eaton Village Hall Directory

Email: bookings@litleeatonvillagehall.com
or call 07805 053180 to arrange a viewing of
the facilities.

Mondays

**Thomas Bates Hall
(Upper hall)**

Yoga

11.15am - 12.15am

**Fiona Reynolds
07957 887280**

Pilates Sculpt

5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

Rachael Needham 07806
259067

Lower Hall

The Village Pre-School

9.00am – 12.00pm

12.00pm – 12.30pm Lunch Club

12.30pm – 3.30pm

OFSTED No. 206836

All children welcome from age 2
years, free 15 hours
funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

For more information call

Sharon Self **07493 925900**

Free Taster Sessions available.
Come along and join
the fun.

Tuesdays

**Thomas Bates Hall
(Upper hall)**

Baby Sensory

9.00am – 3.00pm

Baby development class specially
designed for babies from birth – 13
months.

Claire: **07967 485855**

derbyeast@babysensory.co.uk

Tai Chi and Health Qigong

Beginners/Improvers: 6.30-7.30pm

Improvers/Advanced: 7.45-8.45pm

Ben Fowler on **07745 399209**

benfowler742@gmail.com

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Taekwondo Martial Arts Lessons

Build up your fitness, confidence,
courtesy, integrity, perseverance,
and self-control.

**Any alterations to this
directory to be directed to the
Village Hall Committee:
[bookings@
litleeatonvillagehall.com](mailto:bookings@litleeatonvillagehall.com)**

Wednesdays

**Thomas Bates Hall
(Upper hall)**

Every Woman Pilates

10.00am-11.00 am

kate@trulyaligned.co.uk

07793 116307

Postnatal Core Rehab

11.15-12.15

kate@trulyaligned.co.uk

07793 116307

Little Eaton Gardening Club

Monthly **meeting** every 1st Wed

7.00pm – 9.00pm

(not during Summer)

Moira Hutchison – 01332 831966

Little Eaton Women's Institute

Ladies meet on the second
Wednesday of each month at
7.30pm except August

LittleEatonWI@dfwi.co.uk

Little Eaton Parish Council

Monthly meeting normally every 4th
Wednesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Gill Turner **07925 597348**

clerk@litleeatonparishcouncil.co.uk

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Pilates Class

6.45pm – 7.45pm

Suzanne Watson



Thursdays
Thomas Bates Hall
(Upper Hall)

Rotary Club of Derby Day Break

Thursday mornings (exc 5th one)

7.30am – 8.30am

Everyone welcome

Contact: president@derbydaybreak.org.uk

membership@derbydaybreak.org.uk

Tai Chi

12 noon -1pm

Ruth Porter

07896 163804

**Absolute beginner Linedance
class & beginner / improver
Linedance class**

1.15pm-2.45pm

peakyliners@gmail.com

07866 048948

The Kitchen Chorus Choir

8.15pm – 9.15pm

Contact: Dave **07388 338376**

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Adult Yoga

9.30am – 12.30pm

Fiona Reynolds – **07957 887280**

Fiyoga22@btinternet.com

Youth Café

4.00pm – 6.00pm during term time

Get fed, play games, join in varied
activities and have fun.

Volunteers always welcome

leyouthcafe@gmail.com

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Saturday

Thomas Bates Hall
(Upper Hall)

Little Eaton Dance School

Fun dance classes, ballet, tap,
modern jazz and acrobatic
dance. – Children from 2 years old.

9.00am – 2.00pm

Julie Law (IDTA, ABt, AMJ)

01332 835392 or 0734 2973166

Lower Hall

Taekwondo Martial Arts Lessons

Tiger Class (4 to 7 year olds)

9.00am to 10.00am

Check out www.mandm.acedemy

Tony Stevenson on **07818 559309**

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Build up your fitness, confidence,
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Little Eaton Village Hall Online
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hallbookingonline.com/littleeaton/
Or use the QR code adjacent

LITTLE EATON CARNIVAL WEEK 2026

SUN 28 JUNE - SAT 4 JULY

SUN 28 JUNE

***LITTLE EATON LEG IT**
St Peter's Park
9:15am Registration
9.45am Warm Up
10am Race

CROWNING
St Peter's Park
2pm Picnic on the Park
2:20pm Crowning
3.10pm Tug-of-War

MON 29 JUNE

***FUN DOG SHOW**
6pm on St Peter's Park
Spectators welcome,
bring a chair.

***JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**
St Peter's Park
5:30 Registration
6pm Kick Off

TUES 30 JUNE

TREASURE HUNT
Rolling start between
6:30-7.30pm
from The Queen's Head
Bring pen & clipboard

***SENIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**
St Peter's Park
6pm Registration
6:15pm Kick Off

WED 1 JULY

DUCK RACE
Field opposite 317
Alfreton Road
Little Eaton
6:30pm Start
Ducks on sale at
Crowning and on the
night priced £2

THURS 2 JULY

***WET, WILD AND WACKY**
St Peter's Park
6:30 Registration
7pm The Games Begin

FRI 3 JULY

CARNIVAL CAKE OFF
Drop cakes off
between 5-6:30pm at
Village Hall. Winners
announced at 7:30pm

***CYCLING HILL CLIMB**
Vicarage Lane
6:30pm Registration
7pm Racing starts

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

CARNIVAL DAY!
7am onwards - Set up on the park (help appreciated)
12pm Parade participants assemble at Westley Crescent
12:30pm Parade begins
2pm Parade arrives at St Peter's Park
2:30pm *Junior Races
3:15pm Senior Races
5pm Prize Presentation and pack away on the Park (help appreciated)

NOTES

A * denotes registration is required for the event, see Carnival Programme or the events section of our Facebook page for details.

Please **WALK** or **CYCLE** to Carnival Events

Park considerately if you have to bring a vehicle.

www.facebook.com/littleeatoncarnival/events



Carnival 2026 – Join the Celebrations and Fun!

Planning for Carnival 2026 is already underway, and excitement is building across the community.

As the new Chair, alongside Vice Chair Richard Scott, we're proud to build on the incredible legacy of Steve Mann and David Howard, whose leadership

delivered a spectacular 100th year in 2025 alongside all of our wonderful volunteers!

We are looking to build on these strong foundations and this year promises a vibrant mix of tradition and fresh ideas,



with both familiar faces and new volunteers helping bring the programme to life.

Carnival week begins on Sunday 28 June with the Legit race (online entry now available <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-little-eaton-leg-it-tickets-1987782292346?>)

and the Crowning of the Queen, leading to a week of popular events before the much-loved procession and Carnival Day on 4 July.

We'd love you to get involved - whether by supporting events, sharing new ideas, or simply joining in the fun. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

Next planning meeting: 2 June, 8pm, Shiny Tap

Julie Stone

Carnival Committee Chair

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clerk@littleeatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Croft Corner

The Parish Council is very pleased to see that the planters we purchased for Croft Corner have now been installed and planted up by the Primary School as part of a school project.



The planters will be maintained by members of the School Council
 The planters and the DCC installed cycle racks are now in place after years of complaints re pavement parking and issues with lack of visibility at this junction.
 It is hoped it will eliminate the issue of pavement parking and allow walkers, cyclists, scooter users as well as parents with buggies to have a safe space in the centre of the village.

The Parish Council is aware that vehicles are not always abiding by the road markings and are parking on the zig-zag areas and solid white lines and are in discussion with DCC Highways about how to alleviate the issues caused.

The Parish Council would like to also thank the volunteers of Little Eaton in Bloom for their assistance with this project and their hard work ensuring that Croft Corner continues to flourish and bloom with the wonderful plantings they have undertaken in the beds and other planters in the area.

The Parish Council would also like to thank village resident, Mr Tim Troman for his assistance in supplying the planters and his guidance re planting materials etc.

Litter Picking Dates

Future community litter pick dates and locations below:

- All equipment provided.
- Meet at 10am. All ages welcome.
- 7th June - The Town/Croft Corner
- 5th July - The Park
- 2nd August - Outrams Wharf/Canal
- 13th September - The Town/Greenway

Defibrillator Awareness Session

Learn to use a defibrillator and perform life saving CPR With Belper District Community First Responders.
 A fun and informative session covering a life threatening topic.

Date: 1st June 2026
 Time: 7pm
 Venue: Little Eaton Village Hall

Parish Councillor Vacancies

As a Parish Council we get involved in quite a lot, some of which is within our control and some we can only sign post people to the relevant organisations.

The great thing about being a councillor is you can control how much or how little you want to be involved.

We are a group of volunteers ranging in age from 32 to 60+ and from all walks of life. We want to represent the village and seek to make it a better place to live and work.

If you think you could help us, talk to Gill, the Clerk either by email:

clerk@litleeatonparishcouncil.gov.uk or pop a note through the Village Hall letterbox at the main entrance.
 If you want an informal chat call **Dave Howard on 07823 846537**



Welcome to Immerse

Join our Revolution where everyone belongs

WWW.IMMERSEGYMS.CO.UK

Claim your free class pass & 7 day free Fitllion membership trial via the website!



Immerse Owner:
 Sophia Gaiqui
 Mum of 2, and a tribe of animals. Her passion is to provide access to health and wellness to all no matter what



Welcome to Immerse

A place to thrive, every journey here is unique, every member belongs.

Our on screen Fitllion coaching gives you full flexibility to train when you want, whilst following your personalised programme in the gym.

We are an official HYROX and DEKA Training Centre. From training functional movement to having the support to take part in our official qualifying in house competitions - there's something for everyone of all levels.

We have a great class offering on WodBoard which brings full wellness support. Pay as you go, class passes or memberships - take part in what way suits you.

We offer open gym only memberships too!



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Rotary Club of Derby Daybreak



Little Eaton Greenway

Well, it really feels like we (**Derby Daybreak Rotary**) have been meeting in Little Eaton forever and I cannot believe it has been nearly 5 years, where has that time gone!

The project with the Churchyard is progressing well and we planted over 2 thousand Crocus which came up and really looked a treat. As part of our ongoing commitment to the churchyard, we will plant more next year so that it becomes a sea of purple.

At the top of the Graveyard there is a compost area which we are going to plant with flowers to brighten up that area. If anyone is feeling the urge to help it really is a case of the more the merrier. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, subject to approval from the church we hope to put a bench in the memorial area for a place to sit and remember loved ones.

We are having a charity curry night at the Spice lounge on Friargate on **Monday 18th May** cost £25.00 per person and of that £10.00 per person goes to our charities which is really generous of Shah and his team. If anyone is interested please get in touch via the email below.

Following the success of the Cake & Prosecco event last year we are running it again on **Sunday 7th June**. £6.00 entry for a piece of cake and a glass of fizz or cup of tea/coffee.

Hopefully we can count on the support of WI as they did a sterling job last year with their baking.

The proceeds will go to our chosen charities which still include Canine Partners and help towards the restoration of the churchyard.

We are looking forward to the Carnival as a great time was held by all and thanks to the organising committee who do a great job.

We are always up for visitors in the morning so if you are an early riser we meet at 7.15 for 7.30 and aim to be finished by 8.30 on Thursday you can just pop along or contact us on secretary@derbydaybreak.org

A public open day to present the plans and answer questions about the conversion of the old railway line to a multi use Greenway was held on 10 March and was really well attended by over 200 people throughout the day.



The contractors, Pugh Lewis, have been completing the surface between Little Eaton and T'Owd Lane.

Parapets have been added to bridges and safety fencing is being installed next to the brook in areas where the water can be particularly fast flowing or where it is adjacent to gardens and private property, although there will be other areas along the route where access to the brook will be possible.

Although this section is now accessible and being well used, it is not yet officially open until the highways team have made the road junctions safe.

Feedback about the surface and the opportunity to use an off road route for walking, cycling and running has been extremely positive, including from residents who have already noticed a reduction in anti social behaviour because the path is much less isolated.



Work is now progressing north of Little Eaton towards Coxbench and Rawson's Green, including past the old Station House in Coxbench (see picture), although there is a lot of work to be done by highways to make the road junction safe.

The history society has produced information boards about the history of the route and neighbouring landmarks, and these will be erected in the next couple of months.

The Little Eaton Greenway Supporters Group (LEGS) continue to liaise with the County Council, the contractors and with Groundworks on specific questions and projects along the route.

Volunteers from LEGS will be removing Himalayan Balsam, which is non native and invasive, and undertaking other conservation work throughout the summer, starting on 22 May.

There will be a meeting of volunteers on 14 May to discuss other projects such as planting schemes, litter picking, cutting back overgrowth and conservation projects.

If you would like to be involved please contact Clare Howard on 07775 665138.

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