

'Focus' Report for December 2012/January 2013

Edlesborough Parish Council (including Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) News

Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council have set a new precedent of combining the General Purpose Committee meeting with the Parish Council meeting and arranging meetings throughout the parish, the first of which took place in Northall Village Hall on 18th October which was very successful with 11 parishioners in attendance. Due to elections to appoint the new Police & Crime Commissioner on 15th November the second Parish Council meeting took place at Dagnall Church. Unfortunately, due to a hurried change of venue this was too late to be put into the November issue of Focus but notices were placed on the village notice boards. The Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 20th December will be held in Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Reports given at the Parish Council meeting by County Councillor Avril Davies and District Councillor Chris Poll are contained in the October minutes which will be available on the parish website.

Allotments

There are now currently available a few whole or half allotment plots at The Green, Cow Lane, Northall and Dagnall. If anyone is interested in taking on an allotment would they please contact the Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky on 01525 220358 or e-mail: assistant.clerk@edlesborough.gov.uk

Litter Bin Stickers

A further supply of litter bin stickers are being distributed to houses in the new 30mph and 40mph speed limits to be used on the new blue lid bins.

Public litter bins

Due to complaints that the litter bins around the perimeter of the Green and by the bus shelter in Moor End and in Dagnall were overflowing it has now been agreed with AVDC that these will be emptied on a weekly basis.

Best Kept Village award

The Parish Council are extremely grateful to the Janes family for having very kindly exhibited the Cup and Award Certificate in their shop window thus giving the parishioners a chance to view them and to also look at the pictures of Edlesborough both old and new. The cup will be retained by the Parish Council for one year and the Award Certificate will be put on the wall in the Memorial Hall.

Memorial Hall

With grateful thanks to the Burghope Trust charity, who have agreed to give a large donation to the Parish Council, new chairs will be purchased for the Hall.

Planning

The retrospective planning application for the building erected in the front garden of 20 Pebblemoor has been refused.

Northall VAS

After considerable delay it is anticipated that repairs to the VAS will have been carried out by the time this report is read. The road roundels have now been painted and it is expected that the redundant

poles etc. left by the change in speed limit locations throughout Northall, Dagnall and Edlesborough will be removed shortly.

Thames Valley Police

Parishioners are requested to be very vigilant particularly with the onset of the darker evenings as there has been an increase in the number of burglaries throughout the parish. . If anyone witnesses anything suspicious please immediately phone the police on the 101 number and by pressing the number 2 option you will be put straight through to Thames Valley Police as it is highly possible that the Police are patrolling nearby and able to attend quickly.

Don't give thieves a chance this Christmas (Advice from Community Safety AVDC)

- Assess the security of your home like a burglar would, Christmas is the only time of year when we advertise all the goods in our house to such an extent.
- Make your home appear occupied when you're out at Christmas parties and don't leave your home vulnerable – leave a light on, securely lock doors, windows and gates and use your household alarm if you have one. If you return late to your property on a regular basis use a light timer switch so your home lights up automatically.
- Don't leave gifts/boxes on show in your car. It's an advertisement of quick money and quick getaway and is all too tempting for an opportunist thief.
- Before wrapping presents jot down model and serial numbers. Keep receipts separate so you have a record and thieves can't return your items to the shop.
- Don't hide your presents in obvious places like under the bed or in the wardrobe. Thieves are less likely to get into the attic.
- Don't put gifts under the tree until Christmas day or make sure you pull your blinds or nets so presents aren't on show. After opening presents put your postcode on with a permanent marker to make them harder to sell on and therefore less attractive to thieves - they are also more likely to be returned to you by police if found.
- Rip up present boxes, making sure not to leave them in view outside. Empty boxes advertise that a house has brand new and valuable contents. Secure your garage or shed as well as your home - they contain the tools a burglar requires to gain access to your property. For a copy of our new leaflet on Shed and garage security please call 01296 585061.
- The Annual Thames Valley Police Award The Parish Council were delighted to be informed that our own PCSO Jackie Dodson has received this award for her services to the Police and the public as a whole, a well deserved honour as she is a great asset to our parish.

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