



MEETING UPDATE

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Welcome from the Mayor

Welcome to the first edition of the Community Forum newsletter. This has been compiled following our previous Community Forum and is designed to update you on the issues raised but also to provide you with details of events and good news stories.

We hope you will find it informative and would really like to have your contributions, particularly, reports on interesting activities and events in

your area. Please send your articles or good news stories to communityforum@cityofelycouncil.org.uk.

The newsletter will also be posted on the City of Ely Council's website.

The next Community Forum is to be held on 6th April 2016 at 7.00pm. The venue will be Ely Community Centre, High Barns, Ely. The agenda will be posted on the Council's website when finalised. We look

forward to seeing you there.

Update from Sgt. Jon Hiron, Cambridgeshire Police

The four main concerns raised at the meeting were parking, outside schools, non -blue badge holders using disabled parking spaces, anti-social behaviour around the Cathedral and the dis-interest from staff manning the Police 101 telephone line.

Parking outside of Schools in Ely – A current operation is in progress and to date, 21 drivers have received parking tickets and 1 driver has been reported for summons.

Non-blue badge holders – drivers have been moved on but there are no statistics to report.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Cathedral – There are currently 2 Community Protection Notices on 2 of the ASB targets and a further 1 is being progressed. There has been a decrease in ASB reports over the Autumn/Winter months.

101 Calls – Concerns raised have been passed to the Police Service Centre.

You can see Sgt Hiron's crime report at the back of the newsletter.

Next Community Forum

- Ely Community Centre, High Barns
- **Wednesday 6th April 2016**
- 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- All Welcome



Update from Nick Ball, ECDC

Several concerns were raised with the Community Safety Officer from ECDC.

Dog fouling – residents were particularly concerned with dog fouling on the Riverside and Pocket Park. These areas are being patrolled and monitored by the Enforcement Officer in conjunction with the City of Ely Council – the need for additional dog waste bins is being investigated.

Spilled paint - Veolia are attempting to clean the spilled paint from the pavement on the Buttermarket.

Unruly Behaviour – it was suggested that the unruly behaviour of some young people at the Christmas Lights Switch On event needed to be managed. Nick Ball tried to engage Youth Workers from Centre 33 to lend a hand, but unfortunately there was no capacity for

December 2015. Resources will be looked at for future years. However, there were no incidents reported from the Switch On last year. The event was very busy with a really good atmosphere.

Your Councils, Working Together!

“Working together for the benefit of Ely”

Sometimes it is difficult to differentiate between the services provided by the three tiers of local government. The City of Ely Council is the third tier and although it is not responsible for services such as planning and highways etc, it does have a very strong part to play in representing residents' issues by working closely with the District and County Councils.

We have representatives from both on the City Council and we are able to gain representation and hopefully influence decisions being made there.

One example is the overturned County Council decision to cease funding the School Crossing Patrol. We are delighted that this collaboration worked towards securing this change.

If your Councillors are able to help, they will, either as individuals or through the Full Council.

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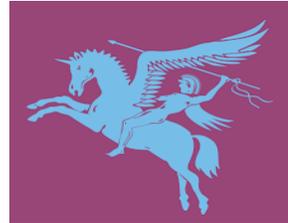
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Pegasus Walk

The Pegasus Walk sign on the Riverside in Ely has been refurbished thanks to two anonymous donations.

The Walkway is dedicated to the local Parachute Regiment but the sign had become faded in recent years and needed some attention.

City of Ely Councillor, Alison Arnold, liaised with the local Parachute Regimental Association to discuss what could be done and thanks to the two donations, the sign was refurbished and unveiled in December 2015.



City of Ely Council's Website

The City of Ely Council's long awaited new website is now up and running.

All the latest news, meeting notifications, agendas and minutes can be found at

www.cityofelycouncil.org.uk.

All Councillor and office contact details can be found along with information on all of the services that the City of

Ely Council is responsible for.

City of Ely Council's new website address:

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Supporting Our Local Volunteers

The importance of volunteering can never be overestimated and we rely on the goodwill of our volunteers to support local charities, organisations and residents.

A partnership to fund-raise to support volunteers has been formed between the Mayor's Charity and Ely Hereward Rotary Club. The funds raised will go to Voluntary

and Community Action for East Cambridgeshire to provide support, sustainability and equipment for the future.

There are a number of events planned including a talk by David Doggett of Cambridge United on the importance of volunteering and the role it has played in the Club's history and its future.

There is also the Penny Trail in the High Street and, of course, the Mayor's Ball. We have a target figure that we are aiming to achieve. Your support for this would be much appreciated.

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Up and Coming Events

Summer Band Concerts

The City of Ely Council will be presenting the Summer Band Concerts again this year. On most Sunday afternoons, throughout the summer, you will find a band playing in Jubilee Gardens. The first concert will take place on Sunday 8th May 2016. Once the

schedule has been finalised, it will be posted on the City of Ely Council's website.

Town Crier Competition

As part of the Eel Day celebrations, the City of Ely Council's Town Crier Competition will be taking place in Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 30th April

2016. Many Town Criers from all over the country will be attending.

Comedy Nights

Two comedy nights are to be held at the Maltings on 26th February 2016 and 25th March 2016. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.co.uk.

The Mayor's Spring Ball 2016

The Mayor's Spring Ball will be held on Saturday 5th March 2016 at the Maltings, Ely. Tickets include a four course dinner and live music from "Decades." If you would like more details or would like to book tickets, please contact the City of Ely Council on 01353 661016.

Arrival is 7.00pm for 7.30pm until midnight. A vegetarian dinner option is available. All funds raised will be going to the The Mayor's Charity. This year, Cllr Every will be supporting local volunteer organisations.

