

EARLS COLNE PARISH COUNCIL (ECPC)

RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK/COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THE 4 COLNES HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2024

COMMENT/ FEEDBACK

Missing a Community Policeman



Prior to the retirement of the Community Policeman, EC shared a Community Policeman with Colne Engaine. Discussions will now be held between the Chair of ECPC and the Chair of Colne Engaine Parish Council to establish if a joint Community Policeman could be recruited to benefit both parties going forward.

2a More parking required near shops for residents that need to drive e.g. mobility/distance and b Consider time limit on all parking to ensure fair for all



Whilst developing the Earls Colne Neighbourhood Plan, the lack of car parking in the village centre was raised. Various options were considered, the most practical being to move the allotments (Queens Road) and increase the size of the public car park. A voting box survey was completed with 88% against this proposal. Therefore, it is unfortunate but due to lack of space it is not possible to create further parking in the Village. The parking bays along the high street currently have time limit restrictions of between 1 and 2 hrs.

3. More litter bins required



EC currently has 39 street litter bins across the Village. The Community Team have a dedicated rota to ensure these are emptied daily to ensure EC remains free from litter.

ECPC will continue to monitor this and also publish reminders on Noticeboards/FB etc. There have been several litter picking events held this year with the Earls Colne Wombles, further information will be published regarding future Womble events.

BDC are currently completing a review of all Dog Poo and Litter Bins. Please contact BDC if:

- you think that a particular location needs a dog waste Bin
- you notice a damaged waste bin (ECPC have requested a replacement for De Vere Rd/Playground areas)

Telephone: [01376 552525](tel:01376 552525)

Email: csc@braintree.gov.uk

Village Noticeboard needed at far end of village (towards Tey Road)

ECPC are looking into the possibility of providing a Noticeboard at the far end of the Village. This will be subject to appropriate land being available and applicable permissions being granted.

Hub to return for whole year as very positive for people on their own



The ECPC Community Hub, provided fully funded Breakfast and Lunch every Thursday from November to end March at the Village Hall.

In addition, winter socks, hot water bottles and warm bedding etc were also given to EC residents. This was made possible due to the successful grant application made by the ECPC on behalf of the residents. Every effort will be made to obtain a suitable grant for this winter – please watch out for “Oyez” publications on the Village Noticeboards, Facebook and the ECPC website.



If a further grant is available to fund the HUB on a year long basis this will be facilitated. The Hub was manned by ECPC and unfortunately it is not always possible to cover all responsibilities- if anyone would like to volunteer to assist with the Community Hub, please email the Parish Clerk with your contact details and mark the email “Hub Volunteer”. clerk@earlscolne-pc.gov.uk

Station road – appalling surface on pavement, accident waiting to happen

ECPC continue to report poor quality pavements to Essex County Council. ECPC will continue to press ECC to improve the pavement conditions across the village. Please contact ECC at www.essexhighways.org/tell-us

Enhance and clean the Earls Colne village sign



The EC Community Team have recently refreshed the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee monument. In addition, the Olive Trees have also been reset in new hardwood sleepers. The Earls Colne village sign has been cleaned and consideration is being given to strengthening the main post. Further work will continue to maintain and enhance the Village Green.

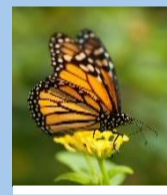
Please revert to colourful planters and regular grass cutting, &

More flowers /colour across whole village, pubs, library &



Can we have an Earls Colne in Bloom group?

A considerable amount of work is ongoing to obtain a suitable grant in order to update Village planters and seating, it is hoped this will be finalised by Spring 25.



The intention is to plant perennials and pollinators with consideration to bees, butterflies etc. There will also be a vibrant display of annuals across the seasons. An array of bulbs is currently being planted across the Village in order to provide a burst of colour in the spring.

Due to district and county regulations, there are a number of actions that ECPC need satisfy before any planting can proceed. If anyone would like to set up an “Earls Colne in Bloom” group and work with a representative from the ECPC (who will be able to provide the details of the regulations, grant information etc) please email the Parish Clerk with your contact details and mark the email “EC In Bloom”. clerk@earlscolne-pc.gov.uk

Village Hall is the roof insulation being done?



Over recent months a huge number of improvements have been made to the Village Hall and the facilities it provides:

New Energy Efficient Boiler, New Entrance Door to allow for greater disabled access and to improve security, Wi-Fi for guests and hirers, Car park repairs (front and back) Projector and screen for Cinema events.

There are further planned maintenance and improvements – Energy saving lighting, Replacement windows, redecoration schedule, on-line booking system, bespoke mural. The ECPC will continue to apply for any other suitable grants as it is not possible to undertake all changes on the precept alone.

More cycle racks

The are currently no plan to increase the cycle racks in the village, however this will be kept under review.