

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish News letter

Meeting 9th April 2025

The Parish Council Annual Assembly is taking place on May 14th between 7.30pm and 9.30pm, and is open to the public. This is your opportunity to meet your parish councilors, and hear from our borough councilor and county councilor.

There will be presentations on the county's financial situation and the plans for unitary authorities. We will cover issues with highways, our sustainability survey, and other projects. Refreshments will be served at the end of the presentations.

Our new Parish Web Site continues to evolve at <http://www.ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk/> If you have content you would like to contribute, please complete the contact form or email the parish clerk at clerk@esbgpc.co.uk Please note that the email addresses for the parish councilors have changed, now that we have a new internet domain.

Join your parish council. We have a vacancy for a Parish councilor. If you would like to volunteer, and support your parish with about 4 hours of your time per month, please contact the parish clerk at clerk@esbgpc.co.uk

Ecchinswell Village Pond is looking particularly beautiful this spring. The application of a second batch of weevils has been very effective at removing most of the azolla.

Our annual pond clearance day is set for Sunday 5th October at 9am. If you would like to get involved, full details of timings will follow nearer the time, along with an appeal for volunteers. Boots and gloves are advised. Refreshments will be provided.

The Parish Sustainability Survey will be circulated shortly. It is hoped it will provide a snapshot of the environmental sustainability of our parish in the face of climate change. The answers should inform us on the standards of heating and insulation within our housing, residents plans for electric vehicles, the necessary timescales for increased power supplies, and other initiatives that may reduce the carbon footprint of Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green.

Parish S106 Monies

The parish receives some funds from the Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council, which must be spent on various projects within the village. There are also small grants available for specific uses. The Parish council welcomes suggestions on how funds might be spent to benefit residents of the parish. If you have any ideas, please contact the parish council via the contact form on our web site or by emailing the parish clerk at clerk@esbgpc.co.uk

Parish Council Meeting

The next three Parish Council Meetings will be held on:

May 14th - ESBG Parish Council AGM – 7pm – 7.30pm – Ecchinswell Village Hall

June 4th ESBG Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Bishops Green Village Hall

July 9th – ESBG Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 – 9.00pm – Ecchinswell Village Hall

Public participation is always welcome, as are suggestions for improving life within our parish. Please come along.

CLlr Kathy Sadler