



**Boughton Aluph & Eastwell**  
PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to the second Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council Newsletter.

There is much happening in the Parish, from proposed new building developments through to the Highway Improvement Plan and of course the Neighbourhood Plan ([www.parishplan.uk](http://www.parishplan.uk)) The Parish Council is at the heart of negotiations and at the forefront of ensuring that Parishioners' wellbeing and the Parish's future is represented with all parties, always important, but even more so now in these unprecedented times. For more information on the Parish Council and its services please visit our new website.

After what can only be described as a challenging year let us be the first to wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

Spencer Phillips, Chairman, Boughton & Eastwell Parish Council

## Your Councillors

Councillors Laura Atkins, Nigel Bunker, Nikki Ellis, Jane Hall, Jenny Li and Doreen Titmuss (Goat Lees ward). Councillor Adrian Coles, (Boughton Aluph parish ward) Councillor Spencer Phillips, (Eastwell ward)

## Your Neighbourhood Plan

An enormous amount of work by local volunteers on the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish has resulted in a plan shaped by our community's vision for the area and recently Ashford Borough Council have been consulting on what you think.

Further information about the Plan, including a quick read version and what will happen next can be found at [www.parishplan.uk](http://www.parishplan.uk)

## Family Foodbank Support

To help support residents in need during the Spring lockdown, we donated £5,000 to the Family Food Bank in Ashford, enough for 600 food parcels, of about 32 meals each.

We appreciate the practical difficulties, but a resident has arranged that if you can prepare a shoe box full of little gifts or treats for a child (labelled with age/gender), the new landlord at 'The Flying Horse' in Boughton Aluph has kindly agreed to be our collection point. The scheme will run until 7<sup>th</sup> December before we drop the boxes off to the Food Bank in time to sort them for Christmas distribution. Heartfelt thank you in advance for your support

## Volunteer Litter Pickers

Volunteers remain busy. The team at Boughton Lees (second Saturday, monthly at 11am) have resumed litter picks, when permitted, with each member using equipment assigned to them individually. A new group was formed for the Trinity Road area. The first pick was carried out in February and 25 bags were filled, plus tyres, metal and wheel hubs.

To volunteer for future litter picks on Trinity Road, please contact [winston.michael@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:winston.michael@ashford.gov.uk) For Boughton Lees, the Parish Clerk can put you in touch.

## Snakes & Scarecrows

A fantastic COVID-19 painted rock snake wove along the path outside Goat Lees Primary School during the lockdown period. It then slithered into the school for safe-keeping and will be kept there as a special way to remember the year 6 children who moved on to new schools this summer. These children were the very first reception children to join the new school.

There couldn't be a Pleasure Fayre this year, but the inaugural Boughton Lees Scarecrow Safari was held in July and proved a massive hit. Money raised from donations will go to the Pleasure Fayre fund, used to maintain the Iron Room and village green.

## Eureka Park Planning

The Parish Council will be meeting the developers of Eureka Park to highlight community concerns and ask questions regarding their plans for the next stage of development around the lakes.

## Traffic and Highways

KCC have introduced a scheme to work with parish councils to create Highway Improvement Plans. These will help decide on traffic and safety priorities for the local area, using data about the roads around us. A group of Councillors are working on a plan for our parish.

## Why do I have this newsletter?

Apologies to those of you that don't live in the Parish, some postcodes for delivery overlap.

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