

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Welcome to the latest news from Easingwold Town Council.

- Volunteers have completed work on extending and widening the existing horseshoe path at Millfields to create a wheelchair friendly jogging/walking path that will also be part of the Park Run circuit once it resumes.
- A public consultation on the lighting of the path will take place when social distancing rules allow. The consultation will also ask for views about the possible introduction of a trim trail around the path and bike skills/jumps track on rough grassland opposite the skate park.
- The rugby posts have been removed from Millfields because of Health and Safety concerns. There are no plans to replace them as they were so rarely used.
- A large notice board is being installed near the Millfields car park.
- Based on expert nature conservation advice, plans are in place to cut 80% of Millfields north and south meadows on an annual rotational basis and to prepare the wildflower border for reseeded.
- A friendship garden is being designed for implementation close to the car park now that a suitable area of that low-lying land has been raised.
- An enclosed dog exercise and fun area will be established when some more of that lower lying land can also be raised
- The Vehicle Activate Speed Signs (VAS) are being rotated around our busier roads and monitored for their effectiveness on improving driver behaviour. Data is passed on to the police who may wish to take enforcement action as necessary. The data indicates that the signs have had a positive effect on reducing speeding.
- Work is progressing on the project to construct new, and repair existing, footpaths across the cobbles in the Town Centre to ensure there is good accessibility all around this area. Detailed construction plans have been drawn up and we will be carrying out appropriate consultations as soon as possible.
- Work has started on upgrading the ladies and disabled toilets.
- Work on upgrading the bandstand in the Memorial Park has started.
- We have agreed to form a Market Town Team with representatives of Easingwold's Wold Class Business Forum and Hambleton District Council to co-operate and coordinate over activities to promote and support Easingwold as a Vibrant Market Town.
- We were shocked and disappointed to learn that HDC have approved a planning application for 7 houses on Thirsk Road that has led to the removal of the school car park. We have written to HDC and NYCC to express our

concerns and to request action is taken to mitigate the consequences of this planning decision.

- Due to the Coronavirus the October Fun Fair has been cancelled.
- Easingwold Youth Council has been established and new members are welcome.
- At the request of the Youth Council an outdoor table tennis table has been installed at the Memorial Park.
- We will shortly be providing 4 publically accessible defibrillators around the town to ensure they provide broad coverage in all areas.
- We have provided entertainment in the market square on Saturday afternoons in September in order to support our businesses and will be continuing this into October when weather allows.
- A successful litter pick has taken place and more are planned.
- A donation has been approved to improve the condition of the permissive footpath near the Breadlands allotment on the basis that the path is opened to the public.

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