

## THE FUTURE OF CASTLE STREET

Castle Street's long-term future depends on tackling some pressing challenges head-on. Poor parking and anti-social behaviour are among the most visible problems. Inconsiderate parking undermines the street's accessibility and deters visitors. Likewise, low-level anti-social behaviour makes people feel less safe, discouraging families and older residents from using the district centre in the way they once did.

The ECA are tackling these issues but crucially, Castle Street must be reclaimed by the community. More use by the public—through markets, events, and everyday shopping—will help build pride and ownership. If people feel the street is theirs, they will use it more, and in turn, attract further investment.

## ROSE WALKER CENTRE - COMMUNITY PROJECT

Throughout August there has been a community project taking place at the Rose Walker Community Centre on Essex Avenue to internally redecorate the centre given it was starting to look quite tired.

Thanks to the work of hardworking local residents acting as volunteers alongside

Cllrs Caton and Wynne, the centre has been repainted giving it a fresh new look.



Community Payback were also on site performing litter picking and clearance of overgrowth on Cheadle Heath Park, starting a project to restore the old path around the former Bowling Green

The paint and materials were purchased using funds from the ECA Community Fund - a pot of money created by residents being Members of the Edgeley Community Association - and match funded by Cllr Caton.

## ALEXANDRA PARK COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

The ECA recently organised a community litter pick in Alexandra

Park, bringing residents together to care for a valued local space. Volunteers collected eight bags of rubbish from around the reservoir, improving the park's appearance and safety.

We will arrange more of these community litter picks in our local parks and green spaces. Please follow the ECA Facebook page for more updates.

## ECA MEMBERSHIP

The ECA would like to support more of these projects across Edgeley and Cheadle Heath and the best way to help us deliver this is to consider becoming a member. Membership is £10 per year.

**We have currently received 30 applications for membership this year, which is less than previous years.**

If you wish to become a member of the ECA, please e-mail: [edgeley.community@outlook.com](mailto:edgeley.community@outlook.com)



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# Edgeley Community Association

# INTRODUCING JESS MELLER ECA CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS 2026

The Edgeley Community Association is proud to announce Jess Meller as our candidate for the upcoming local elections in May 2026.

**Jess has lived in Edgeley for many years and brings with her a strong track record of community involvement, campaigning on issues that matter most to local people.**

As an active member of the ECA, Jess has led initiatives such as community clean-ups and supporting local traders. Her focus is on ensuring Edgeley has a strong voice in the Town Hall, championing fair investment in our high streets, parks and public services.

**Jess' campaign will focus on improving parking, supporting a diverse mix of businesses on Castle Street and ensuring regeneration projects like Town Centre West bring genuine benefits to local residents.**



**With her energy, dedication and commitment to the community, Jess will be a welcome addition to the ECA team working with Cllr Matt Wynne and Cllr Asa Caton.**

Cllr Leah Taylor, who is stepping down due to family commitments said, "As I prepare to step back from my role as councillor, I want to thank the community for their trust and support

over the last 3 years. It has been a privilege to serve Edgeley. I'm delighted to welcome Jess Meller as the ECA candidate – she has the passion, energy and commitment our area needs."

**Cllr Asa Caton said, "Leah has been with us since the beginning and as an ECA councillor has made a real and lasting difference for residents in Edgeley that she can be proud of. On behalf of both Councillor Wynne and myself, I want to thank her for her hard work."**

You will see Jess around Edgeley and Cheadle Heath over the coming months and at ECA meetings. Please say hello!

**Next Public Meeting Date:  
Monday 6th October, 7:30pm  
The Alexandra, Northgate Road**

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## ARMOURY ROUNABOUT

Work to replace the Armoury Roundabout continues to make steady progress as part of Network Rail's major investment in the town's rail infrastructure. The project, which involves the removal and replacement of the ageing bridge structure beneath the roundabout, is essential to ensuring the long-term safety and reliability of the railway as well as maintaining a key road link for Stockport.

In recent weeks, the old bridge deck has been fully removed, a complex operation requiring precision engineering and close coordination to minimise disruption. The new bridge deck has now been installed, with large prefabricated sections lifted into place during carefully managed overnight closures. Attention now turns to strengthening works, drainage improvements and the reinstatement of road surfaces, all of which will be completed before the roundabout reopens fully to the public.

## EDGELEY PARK

Stockport Council has now approved the planning application for the redevelopment of Edgeley Park. This decision paves the way for Stockport County to secure its long-term future at Edgeley Park, whilst also delivering



wider benefits to the town through jobs, local business opportunities, and greater footfall.

The ECA supported the application having listened to everyone's concerns. The approval reflects strong community support and recognition that an improved stadium and facilities can play a crucial role in Edgeley's regeneration and Stockport's continued growth.

## MATCHDAY PARKING

Following the approval of the Edgeley Park redevelopment plans, the ECA has asked SMBC to start consultation on an improved parking zone scheme for Edgeley. The scheme will aim to improve existing match day parking arrangements and extend the match day and event parking zone.

The ECA has requested that the scheme manages match day and event traffic

more effectively while prioritising local residents' access to on-street parking. The scheme will also require consistent and robust enforcement.

## STOCKPORT 8

The Stockport 8 planning application has now been approved, unlocking one of the most significant regeneration opportunities in the town centre's history. It represents a major milestone in Stockport's growth and is expected to bring investment, jobs, and new life to the area over the coming years.



However, concerns have been raised by the Edgeley Community Association (ECA) regarding the make-up of the housing proposed in phase one. While the development promises a range of new apartments and townhouses, the initial phase includes little in the way of affordable or social housing provision.

The ECA has warned that without a stronger commitment to affordability, local residents could be priced out of the new community, limiting the scheme's inclusivity and long-term sustainability.



## HMOs IN EDGELEY

Residents have expressed growing concern about the cumulative impact of HMOs in Edgeley Ward. The concentration of multiple HMOs in certain streets can place pressure on social and physical infrastructure, including parking, waste management and local services and can affect the character and cohesion of residential neighbourhoods.

In response, the ECA is calling on Stockport Council to introduce an Article 4 Direction. This planning tool would not ban HMOs, but would require owners to obtain planning permission for new HMOs, allowing for more careful consideration of location, density and impact. The goal is to ensure sustainable growth, maintain the quality of life for all residents, and protect the balance of housing types in Edgeley.

Cllr Wynne passed a resolution in 2022 at the Town Hall to introduce an Article 4 direction. No action has been taken to date by the Liberal Democrat administration and they have been put on notice to address this urgently. We will do everything in our power to see this done.

## HIGHWAYS UPDATES

There are a number of junction protection schemes we have provided support on around Edgeley Ward. This involves the introduction of double yellow lines around the junctions to

protect lines of sight and the crossing points for pedestrians. They are as follows:

- Junction of Northgate Road, Chatham Street
- Junction of Adelaide Road, Old Chapel Street
- Junction of Northgate Road, Alder Grove

## SYKES RESERVOIRS

We have become increasingly concerned in recent months at the way the Reservoirs are appearing to be treated by some. Activities include camping out for days on end obstructing footpaths, leaving behind litter and refuse and unauthorised angling without the necessary licence.

The Reservoirs are Edgeley's finest assets so we have taken measures for the introduction of a bylaw (called a Public Space Protection Order [PSPO]) to prohibit activities that are unacceptable in a well used public amenity.

The PSPO has been drafted and it will go out to consultation shortly. Please keep an eye out for it on our social media as it is important to engage with it for us to ensure that it contains the right conditions.

The new aerator requested by the ECA is also due to be installed shortly and we'd like to thank the Angling Club for their work in installing aerators in the other two reservoirs.

## STOCKPORT FIRE STATION

Works have now commenced at Stockport Fire Station as part of a major refurbishment programme. The project will modernise facilities, improve energy efficiency, and create a safer, more functional base for firefighters.

These upgrades ensure the station is fit for the future, supporting vital emergency services across Stockport and will also include community space.

## SPRINGMOUNT MILL

The development of Springmount Mill is almost complete and the ECA is aware of unauthorised development on Highfield Street.

The Edgeley Community Association raised concerns with Stockport Council back in February and is urging them to take prompt enforcement action to address this matter.

## STOCKPORT STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Following concerns raised by ECA Councillors over the condition of Stockport Station, Network Rail has announced a programme of improvement works.

The upgrades which will include a new pedestrian bridge linking Thompson Street to the station and car park is backed by £4m of Government funding.

