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Residents of Edgeley & Cheadle Heath
Community Newsletter
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Edgeley Community Association

JESS MELLER ELECTED THANK YOU!

The Edgeley Community Association is delighted to welcome Jess Meller as your newest ward councillor. Jess has lived and worked in our community for years and brings energy, common sense and a genuine love of Edgeley to the role. She has hit the ground running, and you'll read about some of her early work elsewhere in this edition.

To everyone who came out to vote, thank you. Whichever way you cast your ballot, taking part matters, and the continued trust residents place in the Edgeley Community Association is something we never take for granted.

Jess said, "Our promise remains the same as it has always been: to listen first, to work hard on the issues that affect daily life here, and to keep you informed about what we're doing and why."

If you'd like to raise something with Jess or any of the team, our contact details are on the back page.

BIN COLLECTIONS

Many residents will have noticed problems with bin collections in recent weeks. Totally Local Company, which runs collections on behalf of the council, decided to enforce its collection rules more stringently.

In principle there's nothing wrong with that. In practice, they did it without telling anyone first. The result was predictable. Bins left unemptied, residents confused about what they'd done wrong, and no explanation on the doorstep. We've made clear to TLC that if the rules are changing, or being applied more firmly, residents deserve fair warning and a clear explanation of what's expected.

Springing it on people helps nobody and undermines goodwill towards a service most of us rely on every week. If your bin has been missed or refused and you don't know why, get in touch and we'll help you find out. In the meantime, we're pressing TLC to communicate properly before making further changes.

INTRODUCING LEIGHOMI MURRAY

The ECA is delighted to introduce Leighomi Murray, our District Centre lead.

Many of you will already know Leighomi as the driving force behind the C Street Indie Market which is now a Community Interest Company. That change matters: it means the market is formally set up to put its purpose and its community first. Leighomi has done great work attracting new businesses to Castle Street.

As District Centre lead, Leighomi will be focused on keeping that momentum going: supporting existing traders, welcoming new ones, and making sure Castle Street continues heading in the right direction. If you run a business in the district centre, or you're thinking about starting one, Leighomi would love to hear from you.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

HOLLYWOOD PARK: RESIDENTS FIRST

Representatives of the Mayoral Development Corporation met recently in Hollywood Park to discuss improvements to the park. The message from the Edgeley Community Association was simple: local residents come first.

Hollywood Park has served this community for generations, and any investment should make it more enjoyable for the people who already use it week in, week out. That was agreed as the priority, and we'll hold the MDC to it as plans develop.

The park also sits on the doorstep of Town Centre West, where new neighbours are moving in as the development takes shape. We want them to feel welcome in Edgeley, and a well-loved, well-cared-for park is one of the best introductions a community can offer.

Done right, these improvements can serve everyone: the families who've lived here for decades and the residents just unpacking their boxes. We'll share details of the proposals as soon as we have them.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT ALEXANDRA PARK

Children in Edgeley have something to celebrate: new play equipment has been installed at Alexandra Park. This didn't happen by chance. The ECA secured the funding by amending the council budget to include investment in play equipment across the borough, making the case that facilities for children and young people are not a nice-to-have but a core part of what a community offers its next generation.

Good play areas keep children active, give families a free day out on the doorstep, and make our parks places people actually want to spend time.

It's a good example of what can be achieved when community representatives get stuck into the detail of how money is allocated, rather than simply accepting what's put in front of them. Go and take a look, let the kids loose on it, and tell us what you think. We'd love to see it well used this summer.

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COMMUNITY FUND SUGGESTIONS WANTED

The ECA has £500 of community funds to distribute, and we want your help deciding where it goes. Do you know a local group or charity doing good work in Edgeley or Cheadle Heath that could put the money to use? Small amounts can go a long way in the right hands, and we'd rather the money worked hard in the community than sat in an account.

Suggestions should be submitted to the ECA and will be discussed at our next public meeting, where members will decide how the money is distributed.

SLOWING DOWN ON EDGELEY ROAD

The speed indicator device is now in place on Edgeley Road, and the early data has raised some eyebrows.

Surprisingly, it's catching a significant number of vehicles speeding while travelling uphill, which rather undermines the idea that the gradient does the traffic calming for us.

The device does two jobs. It reminds drivers of their speed in the moment, which research consistently shows encourages people to slow down, and it gathers the evidence needed to make the case for further measures where they're justified.

The next location will be around Petersburg Road and Stockholm Road in Little Europe, following requests from residents there.

If you'd like to see the device deployed on your street, let us know. Locations are prioritised based on resident concerns and the data collected, so the more we hear from you, the better we can target the roads where speeding is a genuine problem.

HERBERT STREET SINKHOLE FIXED

Residents of Herbert Street have had more excitement than anyone would choose this summer, with a sinkhole opening up in the road. Not the kind of local feature we're keen to promote.

We're pleased to report the repair works were completed on 10 August and the road is fully reopened. Thank you to everyone on Herbert Street and the surrounding roads for your patience while the works were carried out.

Road closures are never convenient, and diversions have a habit of appearing exactly where you least want them, but getting the repair done properly was the right call rather than a quick patch that fails again in a year.

If you notice any new movement, cracking or subsidence in the repaired section, or anywhere else on our roads for that matter, please report it to the council and let the ECA know so we can chase it. Better an early report than another hole.

BABY CHANGE COMES TO ALEXANDRA PARK

A small change that makes a big difference: the toilets at Alexandra Park now have a baby change facility. Thanks go to Councillor Jess Meller, who took up the issue with the parks team at Stockport Council and saw it through.

For parents and carers of young children, the lack of anywhere to change a baby could turn a pleasant afternoon in the park into a dash home. It's exactly the kind of everyday, practical improvement that rarely makes headlines but genuinely improves how families use and enjoy our green spaces.

It's also a good example of how local representation works at its best. A resident raises a problem, a councillor listens and follows up, and the council delivers. If there's a small, sensible improvement you'd like to see in one of our parks or public spaces, tell us. As this shows, these things do get done.

Next Public Meeting Dates:

Monday 7th September
Monday 19th October
Monday 30th November

The Alexandra, Northgate Road from 7:30pm

Sandwiches available

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PARKING IN EDGELEY: THE SCHEME IS NOT WORKING

The ECA continues to press the Liberal Democrat administration for action on parking in Edgeley. We have been clear and consistent: the existing parking scheme is no longer fit for purpose, and it is not enforced in a consistent or robust manner.

We proposed a digital parking scheme of the kind already operating successfully across Greater Manchester.

The Liberal Democrats suggested this would be an unwelcome use of public money. We disagree, but the more immediate point is this: before any consideration is given to spending developer funds on the extended parking scheme attached to the redevelopment of Edgeley Park, the council must first update the existing scheme and enforce it properly.

Residents should not be asked to accept an expansion of a system that is visibly failing on their own streets. We will keep pressing until this is put right.

CASTLE STREET NEWS

Castle Street is showing real signs of life. Several new businesses have opened their doors in recent months, and it's great to see fresh faces investing in Edgeley's high street.

Please do pop in and support them. Independent traders live or die on local custom, and every pound spent on Castle Street stays working in our community.

A thriving high street doesn't happen by accident. It takes businesses willing to take a chance on an area, landlords willing to let units on fair terms, and residents willing to use what's on their doorstep. Two of those three are firmly in place, and the third is up to all of us.

So next time you need a coffee, a card, a haircut or a browse, try Castle Street first. You might be surprised by what you find, and the traders will certainly be glad to see you.

NORTHGATE ROAD PARKING

Residents on and around Northgate Road have raised persistent concerns about parking, particularly vehicles parked in ways that block sight-lines and make junctions hazardous. We've listened, we've pushed, and there's now progress to report.

A consultation on proposed double yellow lines for the affected stretches will be going out very shortly. This is your chance to have a say on where restrictions should apply, so please look out for the consultation documents and respond, whether you support the proposals, want them amended or oppose them altogether.

Traffic orders are shaped by the responses received, and a strong response from residents who actually live with the problem carries real weight.

We'll publicise the consultation through our usual channels as soon as it opens. If you have questions in the meantime, or want to make sure your street is included in the conversation, please get in touch with the ECA team.

GREENERY COMING TO CASTLE STREET

Groundworks GM will be working on Castle Street and the areas surrounding the district centre, adding some much needed greenery and colour to Edgeley.

Trees, beds and seasonal colour soften the streetscape, make it a more pleasant place to walk and linger, and give the high street the kind of welcoming feel that draws people in. There's evidence that greener shopping streets are busier ones, so this is an investment in our traders as much as our surroundings.

The works will cover Castle Street itself and the surrounding area, including Mercian Way and The Armoury Roundabout. We'll share the programme and timescales as they're confirmed.

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