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a) **Parish Council** - see accompanying Chairman's report.

b) **Police** - PC Hollie Marsh is the Beat Manager for East Drayton.

We are now recommending the following website:

[Performance | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.performance.police.uk)

The website shows performance and statistics for anyone's chosen area and allows you to play around with the postcodes. We have received feedback that this is a more thorough way of monitoring the figures.

Any issues in the area, please let me know and feel free to disseminate my email address for any enquiries.

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Website: www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

c) **Bassetlaw District Council** - no report received.

d) **Nottinghamshire County Council** -no report received.

e) **Website Co-ordinator** - www.eastdrayton.org Continues to function well, is updated with PC information in a timely manner. It is anticipated that the bill for the hosting will be presented in September 2024. Cost not known at this time. Last year it was £157.56 though this may increase due to inflation. S Ellis

f) **Village Newsletter editor** - Since taking on the role of secretary of East Drayton Village Hall Committee in January 2024, I have written the monthly newsletter and organised the prompt distribution of this publication to the 105 homes of villagers. Via the newsletter, I have kept villagers informed of upcoming events within the village and other items which may be of interest and general information.

I have included dates of services, and requests (and thanks) for help with maintenance of the grass in the churchyard. Also included have been the dates and times of upcoming events in the village.

I have promoted -"the hire of the Village Hall and highlighted the facilities available"; "the use of the Book Exchange and encouraged donations of children's texts" and "regular events such as kick-boxing, Move to Music, Meet and Eat and Book Group"

I have used the newsletter to make clear the location of the defibrillator, and included a link to St John's Ambulance website which explains how to use a defibrillator.

I have also used the newsletter to inform residents of how to book a journey with Nottsbus and how to report potholes.

I have contacted the Blue Bell Inn, by email, inviting them to write a short contribution to the newsletter, advertising their opening times and menus, in order to inform local residents, and support the growth of the pub.

Residents have, in each issue, been invited to contact me to make contributions of relevant items of news and to advertise any fundraising or charity events of their own. As yet, there has been no uptake. Contact details of myself and other committee members are included in each issue, as points of contact. Lorna Garfoot

g) **Village Hall Committee** - As well as local events we have opened our doors to a varied audience of people wishing to hire our hall for dinners, Children's Christmas Parties, Keep fit, Kick-boxing, photographic shoots, the Parish Council meetings, Steering Group meetings and Cricket Club AGM's together with special celebratory events such as the Harvest Suppers, MacMillan fund raising, The Kings Coronation BBQ supported by the Parish Council, Elections, Pie and Pea Night, Big Breakfasts, Herb Walks, wreath making and for sad occasions such as funerals. There are also regular "Meet and Eat" lunches and a Book Club.

The Committee has focused on maintenance of the Village Hall with the redecoration of the hall, toilet facilities, kitchen and office during January 2023. We also continue to focus on ongoing maintenance and promoting the village hall.

I personally instigated the Green Initiative for the village to save all their metal, tin cans, taps, lawnmowers, old baking tins, boilers, and various other items. This initially took off rather slowly, however since January 2024 we have raised over £140 to provide further funds to keep our Village Hall going.

We as a Committee are highly honoured and appreciative of the extra help we have received from you all and the hall wouldn't exist without this help.

I never fail to be amazed by people – The Village hall committee are amazing. Their curriculum vitae should read — ability to give input and ideas, to carry out duties, work as a team, a doer and even take turns to make the tea!

I would also take this opportunity to our Villagers who support us by coming to our events and generous raffle donations. Sue Purnell - Chairman EDVH Committee

h) **Churchyard Fund** – The Church yard is looking very well kept once again this year, thanks to all our team of volunteers.

I have managed to persuade 5 new people to join the rota this year.

The mowers were topped up with oil, but not serviced over the winter. A few volunteers use their own machines & although the engine on the largest mower is good, the deck is very worn. When it was last serviced, I was advised to think of buying a new mower. That is the reason I decided to save money on a service which cost £288.52 last year & put it towards a new mower for next year. I hope that everyone concerned will support my decision.

The only other expenses last year was for petrol £57. total expenses £345.52. J Goddard

i) **Parish Clock Fund** – This was serviced last year but developed a fault in the chiming mechanism in March. Clockwise Restorations were called out to find a pin had fallen out of the mechanism. This was refitted and the chiming mechanism tested ok. The PC continue to support the annual maintenance costs of the village clock. S Ellis

j) **East Drayton Educational Charity** – Details of the origin of the Charity; the Trustees and its objectives can be found on the website, www.eastdrayton.org The accumulated balance held in Barclays Bank is £809.25 (Total £50.00 income this year) The assets of the charity are shares in the Charities Official Investment Fund held part in Permanent Endowment and part in Accumulation of Income. Units in both funds are valued at the same price and was 1984.50p/unit in December 2023 giving a total value of £2433.79 a increase of £204.82 over the investment at December 2022. (This is subject to stock market values) 38.13 units held in Permanent Endowment 84.51 units in Accumulation of Income Beneficiaries. There were no beneficiaries for charity funds in the 2022/23 accounting year. S Ellis (Secretary)

k) **Constable Charity** – The committee met as usual and welcomed a new member. The tenancy continues as usual and donations were made to the church and the local Fledglings group. A further investment has been added to the Charity Commissions own Investment Fund, which increases the money available for the future. The Charity exists to give financial help for anyone in the village, and can be applied for through any member of the committee. See the village website for details. John Bingham (Chairman).

l) **Sports Club** – Having won promotion the previous season, the club played in Division 3 of the Bassetlaw Cricket League. This proved a step too high and in spite of much effort we are playing back in Division 4 this summer. The ground has suffered from being water-logged for the last seven months, preventing the usual winter maintenance. We are certainly not alone in this problem due to the extremely wet weather. We have recruited a few new players for the coming season and look forward to maintaining our position in the League and, hopefully, some better weather. Our season is due to start at home on Saturday 4th May. We are always pleased to welcome spectators to the ground with a cup of tea/coffee available at the interval. Jean Bingham (Secretary/Treasurer).

m) **Neighbourhood Plan** – See Chairman's report

n) Any other organisations – none.