

Parish Assembly

15 April 2025

20:00hrs

Village Hall



Parish & Council Overview

- **Meets:** second Tuesday of the month
Village Hall, 19:30hrs
All welcome
- **Councillors:** Keith Simmons, Jonathan Walker, Kim Keeble, Roddy Owen-Smith, Howard Carter, Luke Alexander + 1 Vacancy
- **New Council:** from 1 May: Keith Simmons, Kim Keeble, Howard Carter standing for re-election, 3 vacant places
- **Clerk:** Steven Fox

Precept Increase kept Low

- Average increase in Town & Village Precept in England 9.7%
- Eydon increase 3%



Council Finances

	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2025
Reserves	£62,657	£65,018
Income	£38,824	£36,943
Spend	£38,281	£32,896

Street Lighting

- Installation of LED Street Lights
- Now Saving over £2,500pa



Village Entrance Signs

- In place since *May*
- The envy of nearby villages!



Grass Cutting Contract

- Very positive feedback from Residents
- New areas added to contract
- Cost of contract increases 5% this year



Daffodils Planted

- Daffodils planted at all entrances to village
- Around Village Green
- Moreton Triangle
- And elsewhere





Tap Restored... History Sign Created

- Using money from Anglian Water Donation
- Adjacent to 17 High Street
- Fascinating history of water supply to Eydon

Freedom of Eydon

- To recognize significant and sustained support of village activities
- Process established
- First 3 Awards made



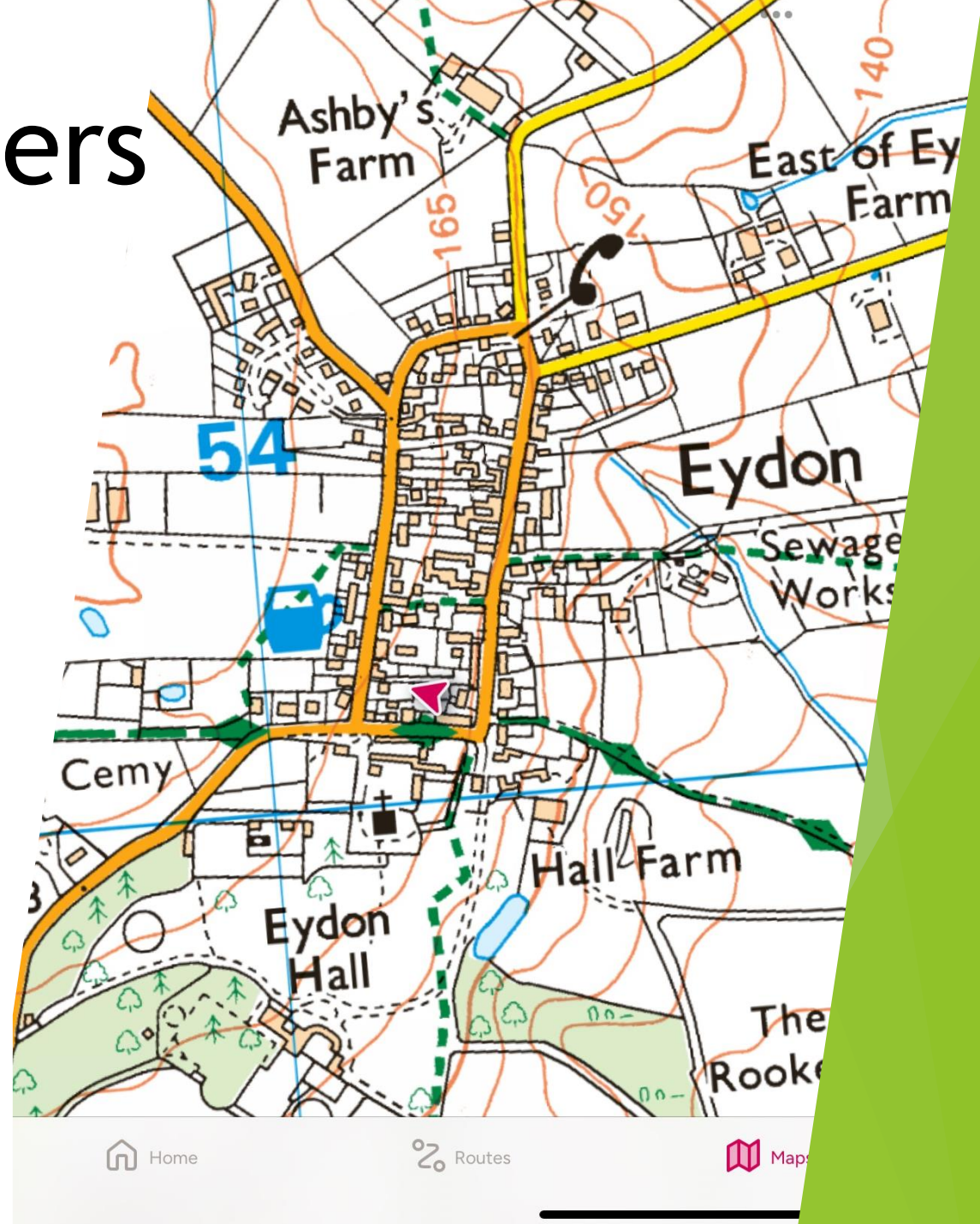
Eydon Parish Council Freedom of Eydon Award

2024 - Barry McRoberts
- Sally Stretton
- Geoff Stretton

Liaison with Landowners regarding Footpaths

- Threat to open “closed routes”
- Getting paths cleared

=> Seeking volunteer to be Warden



Liaison with WNC/Kier Highways/HS2

- Reporting Potholes
- “Trying” to reduce road closures
- Communicating with community

⇒ Looking for volunteer to be Highways
Warden

Residents are asked to report Pot Holes
or Foot Path issues via:-

[www. FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com)





New Signs

- Resident complained about repeated parking at Village Green “roundabout”
- To protect the Green
- Moreton Triangle



Eydon Village News

- Your place for village stories
- Contact Clerk@EydonParish.Gov.Uk to be added to village email list
- Colour or Black and White?

Litter Pick

Thank you to the volunteers who collected 12 sacks of rubbish plus other assortments!



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Coming Soon...

- Storage area for Cemetery Bins...
- ...general storage
- Due to be installed in May

Considerate Parking

- Please show respect
- Report continual nuisance to the Clerk



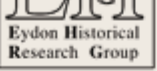
Coming Soon...

- New Grit/Salt Bins
- School Lane/Village Green bins replaced this year
- Smaller in size
- With scoops
- Others next year
- New bin at Manitoba Junction



Eydon

Parish Council



Eydon Historical
Research Group

Eydon Village Guide Map

Eydon first appears in the Domesday Book survey of 1086. The later layout of the village with its two parallel streets is still very clear and a large number of houses are protected by "listing". We are fortunate in knowing much about the more recent history, which was first documented by a local author and later researched and recorded by the Eydon Historical Research Group.



Great Fires

Eydon has suffered two great fires, the first somewhere near the Royal Oak. The second, in May 1905, started near the village green and spread along the east side of the High Street as far as the present village hall, destroying 11 cottages mostly owned by Eydon Hall Estate.



Eydon Reading Rooms

King George V visited Eydon during an extensive military training exercise in Sept 1913. He took refreshments in the Eydon Reading Rooms (now known as Wakelyn Manor).



The Forge

Winston Churchill also visited Eydon during the exercises and had his horse re-shod at the forge in Blacksmiths Lane.



The Royal Oak

The current Royal Oak was run by Annie Bricknell for over 50 years in the mid-20th C. She was a formidable business woman who owned a lot of land in and around Eydon, so there was a ready supply of fresh food even during wartime rationing.



The Village Hall

The village hall was built in 1926 on land made vacant in the 1905 fire. There was some opposition to the idea in the village so the land was bought discreetly by someone from Cropredy. The hall was built by local builders F C Kench using concrete blocks made with gravel from a pit off Moreton Road.



The map shows the layout of Eydon with streets including Byfield Road, Hill View, Preston Road, Moreton Road, Lime Avenue, High Street, Doctors Lane, School Lane, Hollow Way, and Church of St Nicholas. Various icons represent different landmarks and buildings.



Places of Worship

During earlier times Eydon supported four places of worship, the church itself with 13th C origins, a 17th C Quaker meeting room (since demolished) in Lime Avenue and 19th C Methodist and Moravian chapels in the High Street (now converted to houses).



Lime Avenue Houses

The houses 11 to 29 Lime Avenue were built for Brackley Rural District Council in 1952,3 and won architectural awards at the time. Flats at 7-9 and 31-33 were built to match in 1964,5 by T Kench.



The Slaughter House

Like many villages, Eydon had its own slaughter house, situated in the High Street. It retains some of its original equipment and has recently been restored to operate as a wine shop.



Shops & Businesses

Many of the former Eydon shops or businesses are not so easily found, but the sites of several post offices, shops, laundries, bakers, tailors, a builder's yard, a coach company, an animal medicine maker and farms or farmyards are known.



Eydon Stocks & Water Pump

On the Village Green can be found an old water pump and the Eydon stocks. The pump provided water both before and alongside the system of taps. Like most early pumps it is made of lead whose poisonous properties were not understood until much more recently. The stocks were installed in 1825 for £6. 15s. 6d and were last used for a veteran of Waterloo who enjoyed rather too much beer.



Rectories

Eydon has had three Rectories for St Nicholas Church. The first at Rectory Farm was certainly convenient for the church and old photos show a path behind Manor Farm and through the wall into the churchyard. The second at The Elms in Lime Avenue was a very grand affair in its day, and the third just out of the village on the Culworth Road is perhaps a typical Victorian rectory.



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And Finally....



New Councillors Needed!

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- All welcome