



Endon with Stanley Parish Council Meeting Minutes Held on Tuesday 8th July 2025, 7pm at Endon Methodist Church

Present: (Chairman) Cllr. Suzanne Sillitoe, Cllr. Louise Adams, Cllr. Andy Brown, Cllr. Graeme Cowles, Cllr. Mike Houston-Smith, (District) Cllr. Christina Jebb, Cllr. Paul McCann, Cllr. Megan Pugh, Cllr. Suzanne Richards, Cllr. John Sillitoe, Cllr. Kate Walker, Cllr. Joe Porter (arrived at 8:04pm due to other commitments), Minutes: Laura Frost

From the floor: (District) Cllr. Keith Flunder (arrived at 7:15pm), (County) Cllr. Bob Egginton, (County) Cllr. Charlotte Kelly, with 3 members of the public in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence

(Vice Chairman) Cllr. Phil Taylor, Cllr. Howard Clulow, Cllr. Danielle Spooner

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Walker – Village Hall, Cllr. Houston-Smith – Village Hall, Cllr. Jebb – Moorlands Partnership Board

3. Chairman's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Laura Frost as minute taker and Andy Brown as the newly appointed Parish Councillor. Also in attendance were County Councillor Bob Egginton (Biddulph South, Endon and Brown Edge) and County Councillor Charlotte Kelly (Leek Rural). The Chair reminded all present that this Parish Council is a non-political space. The Chair provided context from a former stakeholder meeting that the Canal and River Trust has agreed to carry out repairs to the bridge - though this is expected to happen further into the future. They had installed a rail to help secure a safer route to local schools; while this rail doesn't offer protection to the bridge itself, it's a step in the right direction. It was noted that the Trust is applying for a Moorlands Partnership Grant. Although this won't cover the full scope of necessary repairs, it reflects public interest in the project. The Chair compared the situation to that of The Plough, stating that the Parish Council can act as a "nudge" to encourage action from the Canal and River Trust. Cllr. Jebb commended the efforts and declared an interest as Chair of the Moorlands Partnership Board.

4. Public Forum

Mrs Wilton raised the ongoing issue of the blocked grids, noting that they are now overgrown with weeds. The Chair confirmed that the problem has been reported previously and was reported again recently. Regarding another concern, the Chair informed the forum that the leaves have been cleared from the bus shelter. The Lengthsman had called that afternoon to confirm this was the second time he had addressed it in 3 days, and asked that Mrs Wilton be informed. Cllr. Kelly requested the reference number for the grid clearance report so she could follow it up. Cllr. Egginton noted that there is currently a backlog in clearing grids. The Chair acknowledged this, adding that while some grid cleaning has taken place along the A53 and in parts of The Village, not all areas have been covered. A request has been made to ensure The Village is included on the regular cleaning rota. Cllr. Cowles raised concerns about the grids on the opposite side of the road near the high school, stating they regularly become blocked during heavy rainfall. Cllr. Egginton explained this may be due to the area being low-lying. Cllr. Cowles added that the playing fields nearby also suffer from waterlogging.

Mr Jervis asked if there were any further progress on the plans to change the junction layout at Hillside Avenue and Church Lane. The Chair responded that this is with Highways. Cllr. J Sillitoe confirmed that he had seen some early design proposals however the current status of those plans is unclear. The Chair asked Cllr. Egginton to follow this up further.

Action Points:

- Cllr. Egginton to follow up on Hillside Avenue and Church Lane junction layout progress.



5. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2025

The Chair noted that the previous meeting had been particularly lengthy and emphasised the need to keep future meetings more succinct, aiming to conclude by 9:00pm where possible. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2025 were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters arising from meeting on 10th June 2025 not on the agenda

None

7. Parish Clerk

At 7:14pm, the Chair asked Laura Frost to temporarily leave the room to allow a private discussion regarding the Parish Clerk appointment.

Cllr. Flunder entered the meeting at 7:15pm.

Laura Frost re-entered the meeting at 7:18pm.

Laura Frost was appointed as the new Parish Clerk following an endorsement from councillors.

8. Grounds

- Hillswood to Clay Lake Footpath – The Chair provided an update from the Lengthsman, who confirmed that repairs to both footpaths, on the hillside and the route leading to Clay Lake, have been completed to a high standard. Photographs of the work were submitted. The Chair noted that while the Clay Lake path wasn't as critical, it was still repaired promptly.
- John Emery Land – The footpath through John Emery Land has also seen improvement. The Lengthsman has installed an additional rail on the steps and reinforced the areas where erosion had occurred.

The Lengthsman has requested that all instructions continue to come directly from the Chair, and also the Clerk when appropriate. Cllr. Cowles asked about Footpath 73. The Chair advised that this would be addressed later in the meeting once Cllr. Porter had arrived.

9. Amenities

- Stockton Brook CCTV – The Chair provided an update on the CCTV installation at Stockton Brook HQ. The Parish Council had previously agreed to support the project due to its ownership of the amenities on the nearby car park and recent incidents of vandalism, including a damaged wooden bench, which has since been replaced with a metal one. The Parish Council's contribution is £500, and a cheque has been raised following prior committee approval. Cllr. Brown volunteered to visit Stockton Brook HQ on Monday 14th July to meet with ADB and familiarise himself with the system. Cllr. J. Sillitoe noted the total cost was £4,200, with the Parish Council's additional camera costing £517, though only £500 is being invoiced to the PC.
- Playground Fence and CCTV Coverage – Cllr. McCann asked whether the entire playground is covered by CCTV. The Chair confirmed one area is not, but a nearby resident's private cameras may capture activity. The same resident has complained about balls hitting his fence, which may be built on Parish land as the Lengthsman believes the fence was installed too far forward. Cllrs. Cowles and Richards queried ownership. Cllr. Houston-Smith suggested writing to him regarding the possible encroachment. Cllr. Pugh offered to draft a letter if needed, and all councillors agreed. The Chair noted this resident frequently complains and will also check the land deeds and share them with Cllr. Pugh for clarity.

Action Points:

- Cllr. Brown to visit Stockton Brook HQ on 14th July.



- Chair to check land deeds and share findings with Cllr. Pugh.
- Cllr. Pugh to draft a letter to the resident regarding possible fence encroachment once land deeds have been reviewed.

10. Sub-Groups

The Chair explained that councillors preferences were considered when allocating sub-groups, aiming for a balanced structure. While the Chair and Vice Chair can attend any group, they don't need to be involved in all. Sub-groups should be self-governing, using the Parish Office for meetings if needed - keys can be arranged. The Finance sub-group will need to meet soon - dates to follow. The Chair encouraged councillors to take initiative, make use of their expertise and be proactive. Cllr. Walker asked about meeting frequency - Chair advised they should meet as needed, not just in response to crises. Cllr. Adams asked the difference between Grounds and Amenities - Chair explained Grounds focuses on land and planting and Amenities covers facilities. Notably, the Brownies will help with planting 105 free trees in November under the Grounds sub-group.

Action Points:

- Finance sub-group to arrange and confirm meeting dates soon.
- Councillors to consider arranging sub-group meetings when appropriate.

11. Devolution

The Chair clarified that Devolution is not a sub-group but something all councillors can engage with. A separate, informal meeting (possibly in The Village Hall back room) is suggested to allow open discussion without minutes, as the formal council setting doesn't allow for that kind of dialogue. A cluster meeting is scheduled for 4th August at 6pm in Biddulph Town Hall. All clerks are invited along with 7 councillors - first come, first served. Councillors interested in current plans should let the Chair know.

Standing orders were suspended at 7:27pm for Cllr. Flunder.

Cllr. Flunder offered his own views on the current situation about Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), noting uncertainty about the outcome. A recent presentation by Rob Pritchard at Brown Edge Parish Council focused on the process, with an emphasis on Option D - though concern was raised that it appeared all district councils were already in agreement. Cllr. Flunder stressed the need for proper consultation before a final report in November and encouraged the Parish Council to engage in the process. The Chair highlighted the importance of attending the Biddulph meeting and suggested a follow up session, inviting Rob Pritchard to attend if necessary. Cllr. McCann praised the clarity of the criteria and the approach taken by Staffordshire Moorlands so far. The Chair encouraged councillors to attend, and to understand the implications fully.

Action Points:

- Any councillors interested in attending the cluster meeting on 4th August at 6pm in Biddulph Town Hall to email the Chair/ Clerk (7 places available).
- Chair to consider an informal Devolution meeting.

12. Lawn Cemetery Update

The Chair confirmed that all fees have been paid, and bin collections are arranged. Records are up to date, though paperwork from funeral directors keeps coming, showing the process could be simplified and managed more efficiently. Regarding the cemetery extension, the fee to SMDC has been paid and all required steps completed. Cllr J. Sillitoe noted an invoice from Greenhatch Group: Dennis paid the £570.00 bill but missed the £95.00 VAT payment.

Action Points:

- Chair and Clerk to review and simplify the paperwork process (will need to coincide with John Bourne's availability who is temporarily assisting).



13. Flood Action Group Update

Cllr. McCann invited Cllr. Egginton to attend and meet the Flood Action Group. He emailed Cllr. Egginton on 11th June but hasn't received a reply. Cllr. Egginton is invited once the next meeting has been rearranged.

Action Points:

- Cllr. Egginton to confirm attendance at the upcoming Flood Action Group meetings with Cllr. McCann.

Cllr. Walker was excused at 7:48pm by the Chair due to illness.

14. Finance

Cllr. J Sillitoe reported difficulty obtaining bank statements. The planning fee on the finance report relates to the lawn cemetery and was paid by cheque. The Exercise of Public Rights was published on Station Road and the website. The Chair visited Barclays to request bank statements but was told they can't provide printed photocopies, so had to order them. Without statements, reconciliation is incomplete; direct debits and water payments are missing from the report and income from the workshop and tea room is also not included in the report. Urgently, insurance with Clear Insurance Brokers had lapsed from 11th June; it was reinstated from 16th June for £1,421.47, up from £1,311.00 last year. Though cheaper options might exist, urgency was paramount. Staffordshire Parish Council Association arrears were paid, maintaining useful contacts. Cllr. J Sillitoe criticised Barclays and suggested considering switching to an alternative bank in the future.

Action Points:

- Chair and Cllr J. Sillitoe to continue efforts to obtain bank statements from Barclays.
- Clerk to update the finance report once the statements are received and to explore alternative banking options due to ongoing service issues with Barclays.

15. Accounts and Expenses

Cllr. Houston-Smith queried the insurance figure, Cllr. J Sillitoe confirmed it had increased this year. A full review of insurance - buildings and public liability - is planned for next year. Access to Dennis's email is still an issue and needs resolving to ensure we stay on top of matters. Cllr. Egginton noted his community fund is now live, split between Endon, Bagnall, Biddulph and Brown Edge. Cllr. Richards highlighted the Co-op Community Fund is still open until 20th July. Cllr. Egginton is linked to the Moorlands Partnership Board but is unsure what's currently available. Cllr. Flunder offered to forward recent proposals and funding details. Chair noted recent success in funding.

Action Points:

- Clerk to plan an insurance review for the next financial year with councillors – around May 2026 time.
- Cllr. Flunder to forward any recent funding details.

16. Media

The Chair confirmed the Facebook page is being kept up to date. Notice boards still need discussion - this falls under Amenities. Some need full replacement, not just repair. Cllr. Cowles reported issues with the Stockton Brook board, which is difficult to access and poorly located. Chair noted further costing and replacement discussions are needed. Thanks were given to Cllr. Pugh for cleaning the boards. Cllr. Cowles requested a list of sub-group members; Chair confirmed this will be published. Regarding a parish newsletter, Cllr J. Sillitoe asked if members still wished to pursue this. Cllr. Pugh marked the importance of publicising the Parish Council's efforts and joined the newsletter sub-group. Aim is to produce something before Christmas. Cllr J. Sillitoe suggested a meeting for the media sub-group to agree on format, purpose and content. Website hosting was also raised - currently £160/year. Cllr J. Sillitoe to circulate information from Denise Wheat on possible website management options and costs.

Cllr. Porter entered the meeting at 8:04pm

Cllr. Brown, with a background in web design, offered to assist with website matters. Chair welcomed the support. Cllr. Cowles suggested the newsletter include councillors' new .gov email addresses when done. The Clerk asked if it



was worth re-attempting to gain access to the Gmail account (clerkatendon9@gmail.com), which was widely used. She suggested writing to Google with an explanation, though it would require a death certificate. Chair agreed to speak with Dennis's family, or Cllr. Pugh can request one through legal contacts.

Action Points:

- Amenities sub-group to meet and discuss the costs of replacing the notice boards.
- Chair/Clerk to publish the list of sub-group members.
- Media sub-group to meet to agree details for the next newsletter.
- Cllr. J Sillitoe to circulate website details provided by Denise Wheat.
- Chair to speak with Dennis's family regarding obtaining a death certificate.
- Clerk to resolve access issues with Dennis's Gmail account.

17. Lengthsman's Team Maintenance

The Chair asked if anyone has anything to report — two listed jobs have been completed.

Cllr. Richards thanked the team for repairs at Hillswood. Cllr. Porter raised Footpath 73, an ongoing issue between Network Rail and the Parish Council. The Chair confirmed Dennis had spent significant time pursuing this, with verbal reassurance from Network Rail they'd return annually for maintenance. Cllr. Porter offered to follow up and re-establish contact. Chair noted it's a valuable circular route but currently overgrown with brambles. Cllr. Porter also praised the Canal & River Trust, mostly volunteers, for excellent path maintenance. Cllr. Cowles agreed. Chair noted they hope to secure a grant via the Moorlands Partnership Board; bricks are currently stored in the boatyard.

Action Points:

- Cllr. Porter to follow up with Network Rail to re-establish contact regarding Footpath 73.

18. Planning

The Chair forwarded Cllr. Clulow's comments:

SMD/2025/0293 (34, Hillswood Drive) and the variation of condition 2 of the earlier permission SMD/2024/0435 where consent was granted for a front, rear and side extension including conversion of the garage to living space. They are applying to remove a part of the permission they had previously and retain the concept of the original porch. It would have made more sense to have not built the gable wall they are looking to remove for they do not have to build out the approval if they don't want to but it would be secured for ever and a day by starting other parts of the permission. Losing the gable and retaining the flat roof porch is a shame as the original design enhanced the streetscape if the dwelling but in planning terms there is no reason for the application to be challenged and should therefore be fully supported.

The Chair reported that the proposed extension is ambitious, but Cllr. Clulow believes it complies with planning regulations and is an amendment to a previously approved application. Cllr. Richards, who lives nearby, understands it will not be as imposing as initially expected. She also asked whether any feedback had been received from Mr and Mrs Smith (reference SMD/2025/0116); the Chair confirmed they had thanked the Parish Council for their efforts.

19. Reports

- Cllr. Houston-Smith praised the recent performance by Denise Leigh and Cor Bach Choir, describing it as a wonderful event with great feedback. He noted more community events are coming up at Endon Village Hall including the Community Safety Day on 19th July and a Jazz & Afternoon Tea on 27th July, encouraging all to attend. He also reflected positively on the first ever Pride event held at Endon Village Hall on 29th June, which welcomed a diverse range of groups and promoted inclusion.
- Cllr. Adams thanked Cllr. Flunder for supporting National Meadows Day on 5th July. She asked for promotion of the upcoming Outside Arts and Children's Book Festival on the website, with the Chair agreeing to also post on Facebook. She also suggested that the Parish Council mark the 100th anniversary of Stoke-on-Trent, which the Chair supported, noting councillors' strong connections to the city. Cllr. Adams also mentioned the upcoming Painting Day at the Waterworks on 20th July, inviting anyone to drop in and take part in sketching activities.



- District councillors' reports were received via email. The Chair and Cllr. Taylor have agreed this method works well and should continue. Cllr. Porter asked whether these could be made public; the Chair confirmed they would be included in the minutes. (Detailed reports from page 7 and onwards).
- Cllr. Flunder updated that the Street Furniture Working Group process is delayed; he added that response times to the service survey may be extended.
- Cllr. Jebb raised concerns about the defibrillators, which was also raised at the Brown Edge Parish Council meeting last night. Though still functioning, they could be past their expected lifespan; one is currently missing in Stockton Brook. The Chair suggested contacting Jamie Richards (AED Donate) for a full check and offered to cost up replacements for 6 defibs. It was confirmed the defib project falls under the Amenities Sub-group, but all should remain aware.
- Cllr. Porter mentioned the Community Safety Day, and that speed watch training will take place at Endon Village Hall on 19th July, with police and fire services attending. Volunteers to become new community speed watchers are welcome.
- The Chair then addressed a serious issue following the Pride event. Offensive graffiti appeared on bus shelters, play equipment and signs, requiring emergency cleaning on Monday morning by the Lengthsman. She reported a cleaning bill of £76. The Chair stressed this reflects poorly on the community, not on the Pride event itself, and condemned the act as a hate crime. Cllr. Porter confirmed this qualifies as a homophobic hate crime and should be properly recorded. The Chair urged that any future graffiti be photographed before cleaning, as this behaviour must be documented. She expressed disappointment and hoped this is not representative of the village. Cllr. McCann asked whether the Village Hall CCTV cameras would have captured anything. The Chair requested Cllr. Houston-Smith look into this further with the Endon Hall committee.

Action points:

- *Promote Outside Arts and Children's Book Festival.*
- *Parish Council to mark the 100th anniversary of Stoke-on-Trent.*
- *Chair to contact Jamie Richards (AED Donate) and confirm status of defibrillators, with Chair to investigate costing of replacing 6 defibrillators, noting concerns about age.*
- *Cllr. Houston-Smith to investigate Village Hall CCTV footage in relation to the post Pride graffiti incidents.*

20. Correspondence

- Cllr. Jebb suggested that, on behalf of the Parish Council, one of Louise's handmade cards could be sent to the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent to mark the city's 100th anniversary.
- Cllr. Adams asked whether the Parish Council would continue to receive reports like those previously provided by Cllr. Flunder, such as updates on the puffin crossing and whether they attend the same local boards. The Chair invited County Councillors to attend future meetings and provide regular updates, especially on flooding. Cllr. Kelly noted the challenge of covering 23 parishes in her area and inconsistent handovers. Both she and Cllr. Egginton cited recent training and a heavy workload. In response to Cllr. Porter's query on priorities, Cllr. Egginton highlighted infrastructure, highways and footpaths. He also noted a backlog of 250 items as Chair of the Public Footpaths Committee. Cllr. Porter emphasised maintaining a focus on road safety.
- Cllr. Richards asked for the possibility of installing a speed indicator sign, similar to the one in Brown Edge that flashes vehicle speeds. She requested this be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action points:

- *County Councillors to provide future updates at Parish Council meetings when available and be invited to attend future meetings regularly and maintain open communication on local issues.*
- *Add Speed Indicator Sign request to the next meeting agenda, following Cllr. Richard's suggestion.*

Meeting ended at 8:45pm



July Monthly District Councillor Report - Cllr. Flunder

Brown Edge and Endon district report from Cllr. Keith Flunder July 7th and 8th 2025

1. LGR up date:-
 - a. The working group and cabinet have released the way forward and a press release. The press release was written in a way that made it seem that all the parties agreed with the outcome that was presented to councillors last week. This is not the case. (presentation is 25 pages long, copies should have been sent to Parish councillors)
 - b. An amendment will be debated at the Assembly meeting on July 9th. Depending on the outcome of this meeting the council with the support of 3 x LRG community / parish Champions, will work with Parish and Town Councils to run a consultation with their residents.
 - c. Personally I believe that the no change option and the without Stoke options need to be included in any consultation to enable the true feelings of the residents and the electorate can be included in the final analysis and report to be given to the Government on Nov. 28th.
 - d. I also believe that if only one option is worked on to a conclusion, then what will it be compared to, for the options that can be incorporated in the final report. I also think that without any comparisons then we (the residents of SMDC) will not know the possible future cost of the combined services in the new Unitary era. Both financial and quality of services need to be understood
2. Street Furniture working group was earlier evening evening, before the Endon PC meeting. So I hope that I can send the proforma that will need to be filled in with some guidance later in the week?
3. Service Delivery meeting is on Wednesday Afternoon at 2pm. There are three issues that will be discussed, Street Cleaning, LUF update (Nicholson Institute and the Leek Leisure centre) , Garden Waste Charges.....Could be a long meeting?
4. The concluding meeting of the UKSPF board after the first two years is a success and there is an extension for a further year with more opportunities for Parishes and community to apply of funds.
5. The Audit and Accounts committee met and the audited accounts for the District Council will back up to date by November this year. There is concern around the training of councillors and the resilience of the accounts process's against fraud. There may be the need of extra resources to look at the LGR options and outcomes?
6. There is an on-line survey on the SMDC website for the Culture Strategic plan, which some would like to see extended.
7. Planning Meeting on July 17th. Details of the applications agenda will be available early next week.
8. Our next Councillor Surgery is on July 12th 9.30 to 11am ish at Morrisons
9. Road and safety awareness day on Sat July 19th at Endon Village Hall (Joe Porter and speed watch group)
10. Visits and events x 5 to the Scout Hut in Endon for the launch of the new younger Squirrel group , the Waterworks opening day in Stockton Brook, the BDSO summer concert, a litter pick in Brown Edge and the Brown Edge Carnival.
11. Future events include the 10th anniversary of the BYZ open day, the Leek Show, The Brilliant event at the Old Hall in Biddulph and events around the 100th anniversary of the Nicholson Monument.



July Monthly District Councillor Report – Cllr. Jebb

- SMDC will be debating the Council's preferred option for Local Government Reorganisation at the Council Assembly meeting tomorrow evening. Parish councils will be kept up to date via the Parish Assembly, Cluster meetings and Locality Champions.
- Cluster meetings will be arranged with groups of neighbouring town and parish councils. Our Cluster is Biddulph, Brown Edge, Endon with Stanley and Bagnall councils.
- The next Parish Assembly meeting is planned for 18th September.
- Section 106 training recently delivered to District councillors has now been extended to clerks and town and parish councillors. This takes place on Tuesday 29th July at 6pm and more information is available via Sarah Beech at SMDC. 'Section 106' refers to money paid by developers to the District council, for certain developments, to support local services and facilities.
- Moorlands Partnership Board progress on local grants: Endon Village Hall - work is complete and the grant has been paid; The Plough - the pub has been subject to a full internal and external refurbishment, including the repair and consolidation of the existing mural; Stockton Brook former pumping station roof repairs - match funding has been secured to allow work to begin; Former cattle shed, Endon - the grant has been accepted; White Bridge - repairs after vandalism. Positive contact with the Canals and River Trust, who are keen to explore a grant application.
- SMDC is in the process of upgrading its website to make it more user friendly and accessible.



July Monthly District Councillor Report – Cllr. Porter

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Covered in the other councillors' reports. There will be a Council Assembly on Wednesday 9th July 2025. I will continue to push for 'No to Stoke'.

ENDON SCOUT GROUP SQUIRRELS GROUP

Endon Scout Group do so much for local young people and families. Our team were delighted to pop into their Coffee Morning and present the team with £125 from our Councillors' Community Initiative Fund towards the cost of launching their new Squirrels section. The new group for 4-6 year olds will help young people gain skills for life at a time when it matters most.

ENDON VILLAGE HALL PRIDE COFFEE MORNING

We hope everyone enjoyed the oatcakes and cakes at our #PrideInTheMoorlands event at Endon Village Hall! We were delighted to raise the Pride Flag and have a great gathering. Thank you to The Railway Tearoom for supporting our event!

PRIDE IN THE MOORLANDS 2025

We've held our first ever #PrideInTheMoorlands celebration. A historic occasion for the Staffordshire Moorlands, full of happiness, joy and community spirit! The turnout of support across the Moorlands was amazing! A HUGE THANK YOU to OUTSIDE and all our volunteers for pulling it all together, supported by Historic England, Arts Council England, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Support Staffordshire, Your Housing Group, Foxlowe Arts Centre, The Co-operative Bank, Leek Building Society, Strong Sisterhood, and many others! One of my proudest moments as a local councillor. A privilege to play a small part in our wonderful organising committee. Onwards and upwards!

COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND 2024/25

Our Councillors' Community Initiative Fund 2024/25:

Brown Edge Carnival & Well Dressing – £300 towards the cost of the Queen and Retinue

Brown Edge Luncheon Club – £100 towards the cost of running the weekly group

Royal British Legion (Leek Branch) – £100 towards the cost of Remembrance displays

Brown Edge community orchard – £50 towards the cost of additional fruit trees

Sandy Lane Centre – £100 towards the defibrillator project

Endon Community Choir – £125 towards the purchase of music and keyboard pedal

Endon Scout Group – £125 towards cost of new Squirrels section

Biddulph and District Community Orchestra – £100 towards the running costs of the orchestra

Thank you to everyone who applied our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Councillors' Community Initiative Fund for 2024/25. Cllr Keith Flunder and I have enjoyed seeing many successful projects delivered to support our community. Our team look forward to continuing to help local organisations where we can so please do get in contact if your community group or project needs funding.

POLICE SMART ALERT APP

I highly recommend the Staffordshire Smart Alert. It's a free email messaging service where Staffordshire Police contact you about local crime and events, and updates on what Staffordshire Moorlands Police are doing to tackle the local issues that matter to you.

Register here: <https://orlo.uk/8p4Ev>



NEW ENDON CANAL BENCH

I'm delighted we've installed another bench along Caldon Canal as an extra sitting spot for Endon community orchard. The bench was made from upcycled wood. A great team effort by our local Canal & River Trust volunteers team!

ENDON VILLAGE HALL CONCERT

We had a superb evening of beautiful music with the incredibly talented Denise & Stefan from Britain's Got Talent, and Cor Bach Choir! A packed Endon Village Hall for such a great occasion and fundraising event!

DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR ON STATION ROAD, ENDON

A group of 15 young cyclists recently surrounded and harassed a number of vehicles on Station Road, Endon. Not only is this behaviour extremely unsafe and distracting for local residents and drivers on the road, they are putting their own lives in serious danger. It is totally unacceptable. I reported it to Staffordshire Police and would urge local residents to please report any similar incidents to the police direct at the time when they occur. The police are trying to gather intelligence of these kind of incidents in our community, but all incidents need to be reported. Please can local residents who spot any further issues to report them to Staffordshire Police.