

# Annual Eastfield Town Council Report

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## Challenges and Achievements

It has been a busy year, albeit a strange one. The council has faced numerous challenges, primarily due to a serious lack of communication from NYC. This communication breakdown has led to delays in many of our ongoing and completed projects. Despite these obstacles, we remain committed to doing our best and continuing our work for the community.

## Communication Challenges

The communication issues with NYC have been particularly troubling. No one gets back to the clerk, and this has caused significant delays in our operations. We have found that many of our initiatives are stalled or moving forward at a snail's pace due to this lack of timely responses. Unfortunately, the situation has not shown signs of improvement, but we are determined to carry on regardless.

## Funded Projects

Despite these challenges, we have managed to fund several important projects this year. Some of the key initiatives include:

- **Memorial Benches:** These benches provide a space for reflection and remembrance, honouring those who have passed away.
- **Festoon Lights:** We have installed festive lighting to brighten up our community spaces and create a welcoming atmosphere.
- **Community Group Funding:** Multiple community groups have received financial support to carry out their valuable work.
- **Caretaker Services:** We continue to provide for the caretaker, June, who has done a marvellous job maintaining our community spaces.
- **Citizens Advice:** We have ensured that citizens have access to advice services to help navigate various issues.

## Ongoing Projects

Our work is far from complete. Some of the ongoing projects and initiatives include:

- **Park Project:** We have allocated £64,000 for the development and improvement of the park. This project is progressing steadily.
- **High Street Planters:** We continue to be involved in the high street planters project, which aims to beautify our main thoroughfares.

- Community Chest: We have established a community chest with ten grants of £1,000 each to support local initiatives.

### Future Possibilities

Looking ahead, there are exciting possibilities for community partnerships. This year, we hope to see collaboration between NYC, ETC, and community groups, along with local businesses. These partnerships could bring new opportunities and resources to our community, fostering growth and development.

In conclusion, while the year has been challenging, we have made significant strides in supporting and improving our community. We remain hopeful that communication issues will be resolved, allowing us to better serve our constituents. The council is dedicated to continuing our efforts and exploring new possibilities for collaboration and development. Together, we can overcome these challenges and build a brighter future for our community.