

## District Councillor's report

### Eastville, Midville and New Leake Parish Council March 2025

**Council Tax** – ELDC have set the budget for the next financial year and is increasing it's precept by £4.95 (2.97% increase) to £171.54 on a band D property. This means a band D property within the parish will now pay a total annual council tax bill of £2198.87.

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**Councillor's Community Grant Scheme** – Also in the budget was the councillor's community grant scheme. ELDC have increased the amount to £4000 per councillor for this year. The Grant scheme will open during the next financial year, and is usually around May time.

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**This year marks 80 years since Victory in Europe (VE) Day** when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The war in the Far East did not end until 15 August 1945, when Japan surrendered, which was celebrated across the world as. 'Victory over Japan' (VJ Day),

The Government has an ambitious Programme for the entire nation to commemorate VE and VJ Day 80. **The May Bank Holiday, Monday 5 May**, will see the Cenotaph dressed in Union flags, a Military procession and a flypast in London. Street parties, BBQs and community get togethers will be held across the country, echoing the celebrations 80 years ago, and a ceremony on HMS Belfast will kick off community celebrations. On Thursday 8 May, the VE Programme will include a service of remembrance and thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, followed by a concert. On Friday 15 August, the Royal British Legion will lead the nation in honouring and remembering those who fought and died during the War in the Far East with a service marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day at the National Memorial Arboretum. This will all be accompanied by a National Engagement Programme, including educational resources and creative community activity.

The government are encouraging community get togethers and street parties to take place on Monday 5 May. Updated street parties' guidance on how to organise a street party can be found [here](https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk/). There is also an interactive website with information on how to get involved <https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk/>

Community Funding - From April to August, Arts Council England will work with arts organisations across the country using culture to tell the stories of our towns, cities and villages during the Second World War. Funding will also be made available through the [National Lottery Community Fund](https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk/) for organisations across England to bid for grants to host community events, activities and exhibitions to help tell the stories of the Second World War at a local level, ensuring the legacy of the war and its impact on individuals and communities across the country is not forgotten. The Big Lunch will develop street party packs to help communities with accessible resources and these will be uploaded to the VE/VJ Day 80 website - [ve-vjday80.gov.uk](https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk)

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