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Fellow Residents,

There is much to be optimistic about in 2022 and given the last couple of years we are certainly in need of some positive news.

Having worked closely with the developers last year, we should finally see the effort that has been expended come to fruition. We're expecting three additional play areas to be delivered throughout the year, each of which will have unique equipment and facilities. Further public open space will also be provided, which will include important pedestrian and cycle routes. We should also, at long last, have a link between Bourne Heights and the rest of Elsea Park. Although a section of this may be temporary for a while, it will at least provide a safe access for pedestrians, and I know how important this will be for many residents.

As well as the additional public open space and play areas, there will be remedial work and improvements to various ditches and Wake Pond, which will see the fountains finally being reinstated. Our hardworking groundsman, Lee, is also making his mark on the development having planted numerous additional trees and transforming several shrub beds. He has further plans for other areas, including new landscaping projects, and I'm looking forward to seeing his influence come to fruition.

Those of you that attended the AGM in November will be aware that I announced the intention to explore the possibility of re-baselining the Yearly Payment. The original figure of £189 was determined in 2001, before The Trust was formally established. The sum was a presupposition based on the cost of managing all of the land and assets that would eventually be transferred to The Trust and then divided by the anticipated number of properties. The figure was then linked to the Retail Price Index, which The Trust legally changed to the more appropriate Consumer Price Index (CPI) several years ago.

Now that we are closer to knowing the full extent of the areas that The Trust will ultimately be responsible for, and the number of properties, we have the capacity to make a more informed decision compared to when the initial figure was determined over 20 years ago. There are no guarantees that our aspirations will be successful, as it's never been attempted before, and as a minimum a Deed of Variation to the S106 will be necessitated. Unfortunately, with plans for Zone 10B (land between Bourne Heights and Oak Spring Place) yet to be submitted, we are unable to conduct this before the next payment is due.

The CPI figure of 5.4% would see an increase of £16.51 to the Yearly Payment, leading to a total amount of £322.19 for FY22/23. We are optimistic of achieving a successful outcome that will result in a reduced fee, so to that extent, the Board have unanimously agreed that the Yearly Payment will be frozen this year and the amount payable will remain at £305.68. I must stress that the Board are not empowered to vary the Yearly Payment, so the actions this year do not set a precedent irrespective of the outcome. With us all facing increasing strain on our finances, I hope this comes as welcome news.

This year will also see Queen Elizabeth II mark an incredible 70 years as our monarch. To commemorate the occasion, the town will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee across the extended Bank Holiday weekend, and we'll be playing a pivotal part in these events. More details are provided inside.

Whilst 2021 was another challenging year, and one most of us are unlikely to look back fondly upon, there were many positives. The improvements to Cooke's Field play area and the Salisbury Gardens footpath were finally able to be undertaken, along with the construction of the new path adjacent to Springbank play area, which is being well utilised. The amazing Extravaganza event at the end of August was one of our most successful and the best attended. It was wonderful for our community to be able to come together once again and I very much enjoyed being a judge on the Bake Off.

The major milestone of last year was the formal opening of the AGP. Whilst we opened the pitch in the midst of Covid restrictions, we were still able to commemorate the occasion in suitable fashion and recognise the significant achievement. It has been highly rewarding to see the continued expansion of usage since we opened and see this wonderful facility being fully utilised.

As always, there are important updates and useful content within the Newsletter, so grab a brew and put your feet up.

Stay safe, take care and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Jono Brough
Chairman

AGP COMPLETION



Last March, the lockdown restrictions were lifted to an extent that finally allowed us to open the pitch.

Whilst it wasn't the poignant ceremony we had wanted to hold, we endeavoured to make the most of the occasion within the guidelines. Unfortunately, the lack of power did result in limitations to our operating hours, and this also prevented the remaining work on the pavilion from being completed.

Despite our best efforts, we were at the mercy of the network operator undertaking the necessary upgrade work, which they refused to do whilst children were being home-schooled and people were working from home. Although we persistently urged for the work to be completed, it wasn't until the end of August that we eventually saw some progress.

Having negotiated one hurdle, we then faced the prospect of finding a supplier during a national energy crisis and this proved to be considerably more difficult than we could have imagined. Many emails and phone calls later, we finally had a breakthrough and were able to agree a contract with a company. Inevitably, the situation wouldn't be that straightforward (why would it be?) and the meter installation became another time-consuming matter

to contend with. More emails and many more phone calls once again, another breakthrough, finally, with a date confirmed for the meter to be installed.

Fortunately, we had more control over the remaining work. The final electrical connection to the pavilion, along with the commissioning of the floodlights, were able to be completed in just a few days and at long last we could make full utilisation of the amazing pitch. Whilst the pitch was being well used, we couldn't open the pavilion due to the remaining work that could only be completed once power was provided. Thankfully this only took a few weeks, and we were eventually able to have the whole facility open on 11th December.

The years of work on this project have finally come to fruition and we now have an amazing facility that will be a significant benefit to our community for years to come.





This year will see Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II become the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, commemorating a remarkable 70 years as the head of state.

The nation's celebrations will span the extended Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. Communities throughout the country have been encouraged to come together and our wonderful town will be doing exactly that. Several events are being planned by Bourne Town Council and local community groups to run over the 4 days – details are below.

A commemorative brochure/programme of events is also being considered, so make sure you grab your copy.

Thursday 2nd June:

A beacon will be lit along with others across the whole of the country. Bourne Festival.

Friday 3rd June:

A Service of Thanksgiving. A 'Jubilee Dance' with buffet at the Corn Exchange. Bourne Festival.

Saturday 4th June:

A Street Market with entertainment and road closure on North Street. Bourne Festival.

Sunday 5th June:

Car Show organised by the MG Club at the Red Hall. A Street Parade from the bus station to the Wellhead. Bourne Festival.

Our annual event will also be taking place on Saturday 4th June from midday to 5pm and will be an extension of the wider celebrations within the town. Planning is at an early stage, but we've got some great ideas for another fun-filled day. Please keep an eye on our website, social media, noticeboards and banners for more information. If you haven't already done so, then why not join the Elsea Park Platinum Jubilee and Bourne Town Platinum Jubilee Facebook groups?

The celebrations don't stop there though. We're encouraging residents to bring their neighbours together and organise their own street parties. There was a great



effort for the 75th anniversary of VE Day despite the restrictions, so we're hoping the Jubilee will follow in similar fashion. Whilst we'd recommend holding these on Sunday 5th June, we want you and your neighbours to celebrate whenever suits you.

To get the party started, we are offering packs containing flags, bunting, hats and balloons for residents to collect from the Community Centre. We'll announce when these are ready to be picked up.





THE LITTLE SOFT PLAY COMPANY

Hi, I'm Sam, owner of The Little Soft Play Company; a contemporary soft play hire business which has been an absolute dream brought to life over the last year and a half. I leapt at the chance to say "Hi" to you all and share a glimpse about what you can expect from booking a play time treat for your little ones through my business.

What is The Little Soft Play Company?

More than soft play, I create beautiful exploratory play spaces for hire in the local area. I combine modern soft play equipment with the very best, most curiosity-igniting, sensory resources I can find to deliver inclusive, engaging environments for your little loves to enjoy, up to 4 years old.

There are packages to suit all playtime moments; from play dates at home to play groups, birthdays to larger family functions. I'm here for them all!

I love what I do!

I enjoy nothing more than enabling little ones to thrive through play. It's a passion of mine that I'm steadily bringing to life through my business and I've had the loveliest response to my mission so far. Proudly, I can say that not one of my hires since launch has been exactly the same as any other. Children are unique. They all play differently and I fully embrace this when designing a play space for your hire.

What to expect:

- Beautiful, clean, soft play areas.
- Enriched play time moments with a mixture of open-ended and structured activities.
- Environments that nurture creativity and imagination.



Above all of this, your little ones have the absolute best fun, in a space that they can roam at their leisure, selecting toys/resources that speak to them the most.

Where can I find out more about your business?

You'll find highlights, updates about my business mission, and snippets of two gorgeous little ones on my social media pages:

Instagram: @thelittlesoftplaycompany

Facebook: @thelittlesoftplayco

You'll also find package details and an enquiry form on my website www.thelittlesoftplaycompany.co.uk

I regularly visit Clare and Kirsty's incredible, and very supportive baby and toddler playgroup at The Elsea Park Centre on Wednesdays. Check out their Facebook page for updates on when my Little Play Dates make a guest appearance and experience my play time mission in action. I'd love to meet you all and chat over a coffee,

Sam x



TRAVEL COUNSELLOR CARLA LUXFORD

Hello, I'm Carla Luxford and I live on Elsea Park with my husband Grant, our daughter Autumn, and cats Belle and Cecee.

I keep myself busy with family life, volunteering as a Breastfeeding Peer Support Worker with the NCT at Peterborough City Hospital and as the Sunday School co-ordinator at Bourne Baptist Church. What keeps me busiest is running my own travel business as your local Travel Counsellor. I've been working in the travel industry since the late '90s and started my own business with Travel Counsellors in the summer of 2014. In October 2019 I joined my business with my colleague and friend Hayley Bass who is based in Peterborough.

I have been volunteering as a Breastfeeding Peer Support Worker with the NCT at Peterborough City Hospital since the summer of 2019. During this role I visit new mums in the maternity unit to chat through their questions about their breastfeeding journey so far, as well as promoting the support we offer to new parents.

I've been a Sunday School teacher at Bourne Baptist Church since 2015. I teach children aged 4-7, we have great fun with crafts, bible stories and games. It's an interactive session with lots of laughter and the occasional biscuit. In 2019 I became the co-ordinator for Sunday School, we offer three groups; one for 4-7-year-olds, another for 7-11-year-olds and a group for the youth aged 11-14. If you and your family would like to come along you would be very welcome. We meet every Sunday from 10:30. When Sunday School is not on, we have activity packs for the children to complete during the service.

People often ask me what I do as a Travel Counsellor and who Travel Counsellors are. In a nutshell, we're an independent travel company offering a friendly, one-to-one travel service – every customer has a personal relationship with an experienced travel and holiday



expert. People are always surprised there is no fee to use my service; like most travel organisations we earn commission through booking your travel. Which is why we take particular care to find you the right holiday.

When people find out I'm a personal travel consultant, they always ask which types of holidays I book. The answer is, pretty much anywhere! From trips in the UK (including train travel and attractions) to cruises, weekends away to long haul destinations, and even booking business trips, I can help.

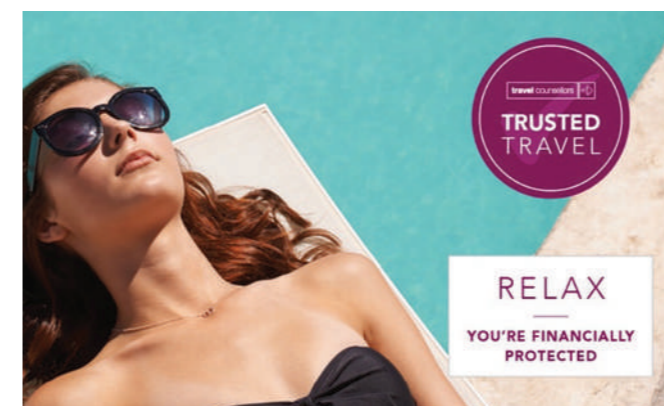
Remember how easy it used to be to book a holiday? When someone else took care of everything? When they knew you well enough to get it just right? At Travel Counsellors we believe travel should be personal. That's why you deserve your own travel expert who will build something that fits you perfectly. Our independence makes us unique and special. It means we can book with a huge range of travel providers. As a result, you can be confident you're getting a holiday that perfectly suits your needs and your budget.

What is more, every penny of your booking is completely protected by our unique financial protection trust. It's always nice to be recognised for doing a great job, especially when it's our customers doing the voting. We consistently achieve a world beating score of over 90% for customer satisfaction using the Net Promoter Score® system.

If you would like to chat about anything mentioned above, please do get in touch

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There are few issues that can inflame an entire community more than parking provision and its inadequacies, especially when owners can't park outside or near their properties.

A quick stroll around the development and you can see how parking provision and planning has changed in the last decade with some areas of the development with plentiful parking and other areas quite restricted, but as car ownership continues to increase especially in rural areas like Bourne if we can all park with consideration for other road users it would be appreciated.

It's not only a car or van which might have to squeeze through that tight spot. With the average width of a fire appliance being 2.3 metres and allowing for manoeuvring distances, the inconvenience of not being able to park outside your property versus getting a fire appliance to its destination speaks for itself!



So, who can help us if we are having parking issues? Well, like most neighbourhood issues, speaking to the owners of the vehicles is always a good start.

The developers will still own the road outside your property if your property was built in the last few years so consider contacting them to discuss the issue but please bear in mind if there are really only 10 parking spaces in your road and you're the eleventh vehicle then like the old saying goes, "You can't get a quart into a pint pot" you are going to have to look elsewhere and the next day you may be the ninth car.

If you require contact detail for your developer, please visit our website or give the Team a phone call at the Trusts Office who will happily furnish you with your developer's contact details.

SECURE AND SAFE COMMUNITY

The Elsea Park development continues to be a safe place to live. Crime figures and people's perception of crime in their local area have for years been miles apart.

Although social media is a great tool for spreading crime reduction advice, and helping to reduce crime, it's also a platform to increase perception of crime by sometimes inaccurate stories. If you wish to know the local figures of crime for this area information is published once a month on www.police.uk.

It's great to see the explosion of Ring doorbells and other CCTV in the area. I suspect there isn't a street without some form of video equipment on the development, coupled with much more secure euro cylinder locks and a neighbourhood that's got a great Facebook group.

It's hard to see how anyone committing a crime won't get captured on some sort of CCTV somewhere on the development. That said, just the simple act of locking exterior doors when in or out of your property, and securing vehicles, would cut down on opportunist criminals visiting the development to take easy pickings. In the same manner that a good salesperson would move on to another area, and possibly not return, if they can't sell anything, criminals behave the same and regularly revisit areas of rich pickings knowing that front doors and vehicles will be unlocked.

If we all do our bit, and look out for neighbours, then together we stand a better chance of driving down what little crime occurs in the area even further. I'm sure you'd much rather receive a knock on the door from a neighbour that has checked your car and found it unlocked, than wake up to it the following morning and potentially some stolen belongings.

Please remember if you see something suspicious report it to the police on 101 when it's happening.

It's important to explain to the police why it is suspicious and ensure you're provided with a reference number so you can check up on the actions taken by the police.



THE BEATING HEART OF ELSEA PARK

Elsea Park is fortunate to have a beautiful hall available to hire. It's a perfect venue for wedding receptions, birthday parties, religious ceremonies, family get-togethers and much more. With a high vaulted ceiling, floor to ceiling windows and doors, our hall is a spacious modern, light and airy space, perfect for your event. Our hall also boasts a large stage area, which is a fantastic space to show off your talents or for your band or entertainment to perform on.

We have recently reviewed our time slots and pricing structure for weekend bookings to provide a more streamlined service and at a very competitive price. "Tell me more!" I hear you ask.... Well, it couldn't be easier to find detailed information, just visit our website (www.elseapark.co.uk), select the tab labelled 'Community Centre' then click the button 'Hire the Centre'. Information about our venue and prices are displayed on this page.



You can then click 'Make a Booking' in the text page, which will take you to our online booking page where you can select up to 3 booking slots.

If you are not able to book online, please email: thecentre@elseapark.co.uk, or call 01778 423062, where we will be happy to assist you.

SATURDAY


	General	Resident 30% Discount
09:00 - 13:00	£55	£38.50
13:30 - 17:30	£55	£38.50
18:00 - 23:59	£75	£52.50

SUNDAY

	General	Resident 30% Discount
10:00 - 14:00	£55	£38.50
15:00 - 19:00	£55	£38.50







Saturday 19th March

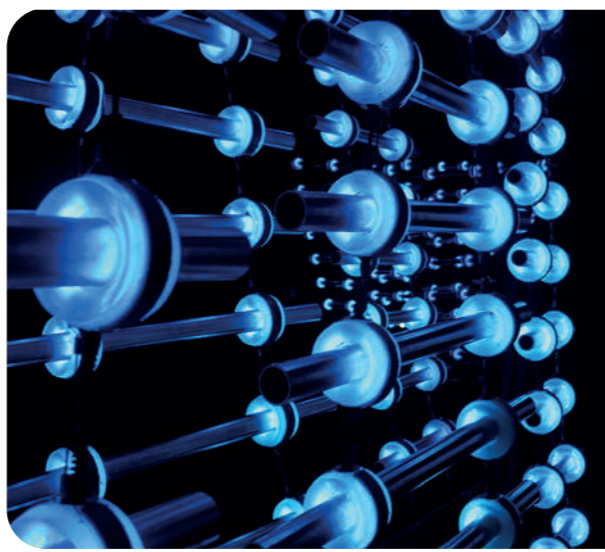
6pm to 9pm

North Street, Bourne

An evening of lights, projections, and illuminated entertainment to celebrate Bourne and its communities.

Interactive light displays, musical installations, projected animations and illuminated street art by local children will be on display along North Street which will be closed to traffic for the evening. Local pubs, shops and food outlets are encouraged to stay open late as it's hoped the event will be popular.

Organised by the Different Light Collective in partnership with Bourne Town Council, Bourne Events Team and SKDC.



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I am Bea Laidler, the Finance Officer for Elsea Park Community Trust. I have worked at The Trust for five and a half years and I have loved every minute. The staff are great to work with and everyone goes out of their way to be helpful to the residents of Elsea Park. Anybody who knows me, knows I cannot sing, I am very flat but just because I can't sing doesn't mean I won't sing, much to the chagrin of my colleagues!

Outside of The Trust, I have recently been authorised as a Lay Minister for the Glen Group of parishes. Services alternate between the three parishes and for two of them, it is my responsibility to write the intercessions prayers), as well as



compose homilies for lay ministry-led services.

Other responsibilities include baptism preparation and providing refreshments for baptisms, catering for fund raising events including preparing a meal for around 70 people as well as wash up afterwards as there is no dishwasher. Well, there is ... me!

With a full-time job and working for God, do I have time for myself?

Surprisingly, I do. There's nothing nicer than having a day in the kitchen baking bread, preparing pies and casseroles, making cakes and chocolates as well as crafting projects like card making and pottery. Oh and not forgetting my amateur dramatics with the part as the leading lady, Widow Twankey in the WI pantomime.

Father Christmas brought me a cheese making kit as a present which, for somebody who doesn't like cheese, was a great present. Ha,ha!!



My first attempt was Epiphany cheese, so named because it was taken out of the press on January 6th. I had four "guinea pigs", all with differing views, two positive, one neutral and one negative, but after listening to people's thoughts, it appears that I need to add extra salt. Let's hope the next ones turn out better.

ECOMMS REGISTRATION

To do our bit for the environment we are encouraging even more residents to sign up for paperless communications via the eComms page on our website.

It doesn't just save on paper, it saves printing costs and postage thus allowing those funds to be used elsewhere on the development for the benefit of everyone, and you could also argue it cuts down on fuel used to deliver these items, so reducing our carbon footprint.

As previously communicated, the Newsletter will be going digital. We intend to circulate a further printed copy later this year before making the switch. If you haven't already signed up for our electronic Newsletters and paperless billing, then now is a great time to do so. It's a really quick and

simple process to sign up to through our website, with your data being securely stored and you have the option to opt-out at any time.



There may be a number of reasons why a printed copy is beneficial for you or a family member. If you would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please let us know by calling in to the Trust office or contact us via phone/email.

We'll take a note of your name and address so we can ensure you get hold of a copy when the development-wide distribution ceases.

