

# Community News

December  
2022

Covering the Villages of Barfrestone, Elvington, Eythorne & Waldershare



# Welcome Back!

Well after 2 years and 9 months away, your community magazine has returned (hopefully to be received a little more warmly than the lukewarm servings of repeat television we will no doubt face this coming Christmas season!)

It has taken some time to get to a point where we felt we were able to relaunch, but that time is now, and over the coming months, the ALL NEW Community News will take shape as community partners old and new find time to advertise and communicate all that is going on in our communities. We hope to offer this monthly, but as a busy Vicar, and currently Editor in Chief (plus designer, advertising exec, contact point, etc., etc.) it will really depend on the support I get going forwards. We will communicate regularly online so that everyone has some idea when the next issue is coming out.

I think it goes without saying, that none of us expected the disruption we experienced as individuals and as communities as a result of those events that began in early 2020. But disruption is not always a bad thing. I came across something I wrote for our Church publication about disruption when the pandemic first hit, and having read it and reformed it, have offered it on the following page as a reflection for the time of year we find ourselves in. Our disruptions maybe different this year (for some it may be the World Cup!), but what is certain is that they are there, and are real, but perhaps we should look at them differently.

Anyway, as we begin again, following the disruption in this community platform, thanks go out to those who have offered articles, advertising and their support and content for this first issue and offering a regular articles. And to those who have been in touch looking forward to having the Community News back.

Finally.... this is YOUR community news, and so **please** get in touch if you would like to submit an article, event ad, poster or advertise your local business (all ads will get 6-months free space!)

In the short-term distribution will be electronically via email and various social media platforms. However, we are looking for ways that we can distribute copies to those in our communities who are unable to access online. We will need HELP with this.

You can contact me via email - [communitynews@bewsboroughparish.org](mailto:communitynews@bewsboroughparish.org) or by calling **07710423432**.

*Revd. Sean Sheffield*



# A Disrupted Nativity Scene

One of the things that Vicars spend a lot of time doing, as you might expect, is thinking about Christmas!

Personally, I usually start thinking about it around the middle of January as I cast my thoughts back to the busy, joyful period and reflect on what went well the previous year and what we might need to tweak or change for the Christmas to come.

It then completely drops off the radar for a few months as preparations begin for Easter. But of course when things calm down again over the summer we spend our idle moments, sometimes on the beach, trying to remember what we had decided back in January and coming up with wildly creative and completely impractical ideas for things we could do in the winter to come.

Generally, those wildly creative ideas never make it off the drawing board, and we end up doing more or less the same as usual (let's face it, isn't that the Anglican thing! Some of us even, (and I'll let you in on a trade secret here) re-using the odd sermon if they're confident that the congregation had indulged in enough pre-service sherry or mulled wine to have forgotten our deeply profound and meaningful reflections the previous year.

Of course, the last couple of years were markedly different. Planning ahead for Christmas felt more like a game of Snakes and Ladders where one roll of the dice (or scare mongering from the press) could send you sliding back down a completely different path and you had to start all over again!

And although we look forward this year to a less fraught time of 'all change', perhaps with less Zoom and more folks in the room – unless our media spark another lock-down by proxy as they scare our local communities into staying at home of course! I don't think we should be too quick to forget about the disruptions faced in the last two years. You see, all the uncertainty of the past two Christmases has given me a new perspective on the Christmas story itself, because the more I reflect on these years of disruption, the more I realise how disrupting the events of that first Christmas were for those involved.

Mary and Joseph were engaged to be married, they no doubt had their plans for what their lives would look like, until the angel Gabriel turned up and sent all their plans out the window. Then, just as they were getting used to the idea that they would have a baby, the emperor ordered a census, so they had to set off away from home on the long journey to Bethlehem. Not what they had planned at all.

Or what about the shepherds, sat happily in their fields just doing their job, possibly moaning about the poor pay, or that Jerusalem FC had just been beaten in the World Cup quarter final, until the angels appeared and sent them running into the village to find the new-born Jesus.

And then there were those wise men, who embarked on a perilous journey to a far off land because of the appearance of a new star in the sky.

None of these people could have predicted or planned what would happen to them, but when the disruption came they went with it, faced it, embraced it, and in doing so they met God face to face.

We all approach Christmas with our own sets of expectations and hopes, rituals and traditions, and after all we've been through these past couple of years it might be easy for us to easily forget the disruption of 2020 and 2021.

But perhaps this Christmas, let's look back at those strange and difficult Christmases and rather than being heartbroken or regretful, perhaps we should consider the disorientation and disruption experienced as something to remember.

The disruption that perhaps means we have an opportunity to learn anew from Mary and Joseph, the wise men and the shepherds, and to allow the strange turn our lives took to lead us closer to the God who is always with us.

So, yes enjoy this Christmas without the disruptions of the last couple of years, but let's not forget too easily the ones that were disrupted, lest we miss a chance to encounter God himself, face to face.

*Revd. Sean*

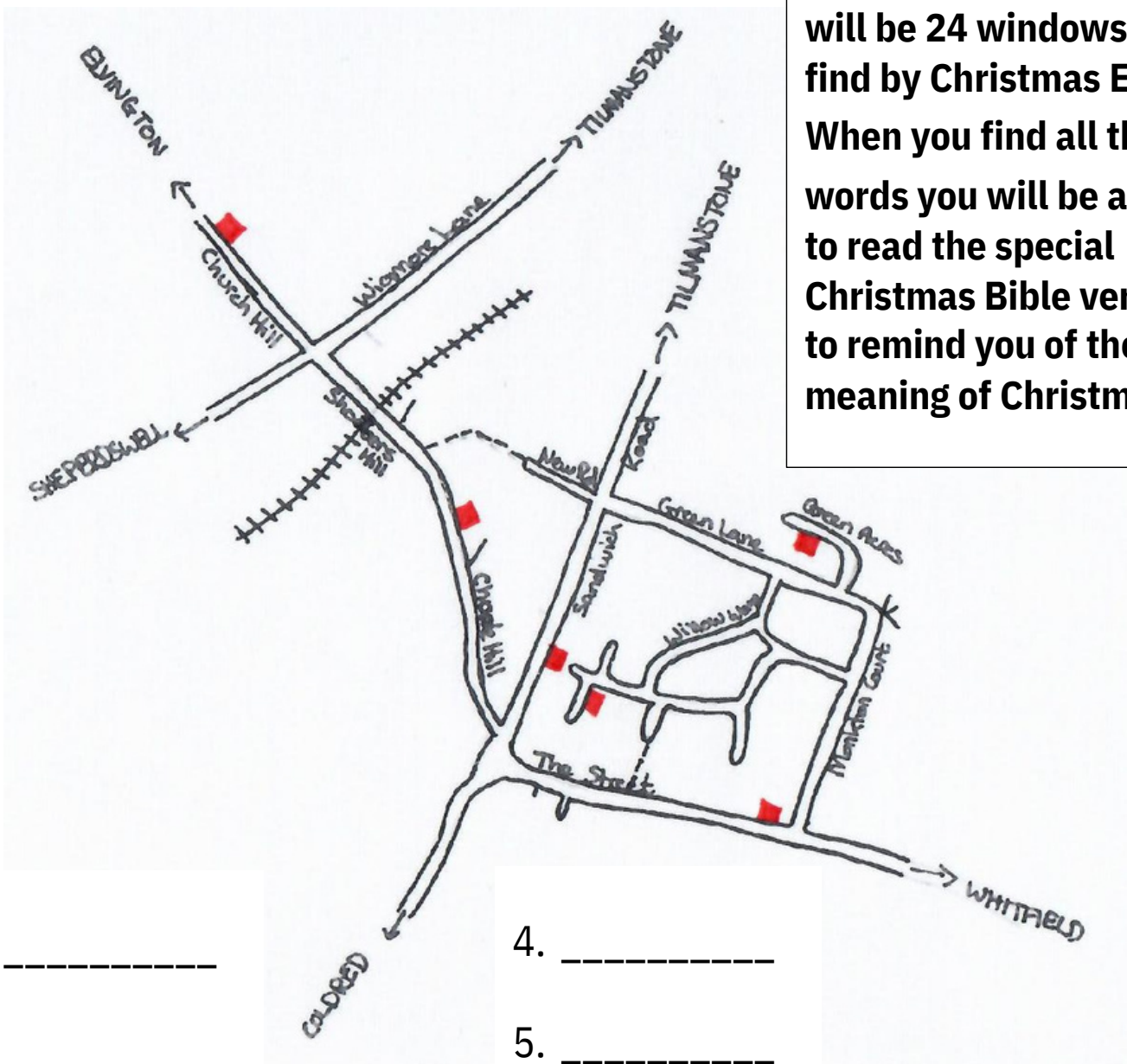
# Eythorne Baptist Church's Christmas Walking Advent Calendar

Welcome to our walking advent calendar!  
Windows around the village are being decorated and lit up for you to find.  
(Approximately 6 per week over Advent).

See this first map to help you get started with the first 6. You will need to keep checking up until Christmas Eve!

**Each window has its own number and word -in a light box  
Please feel free to copy or print this map**

**Put the words you find by the correct number. There are only 6 here but there will be 24 windows to find by Christmas Eve. When you find all the words you will be able to read the special Christmas Bible verse to remind you of the meaning of Christmas.**



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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# Eythorne Baptist Church

Our Christmas Services

## Sunday December 18th

Family Nativity Service at 11am

Traditional Carol's by Candlelight Service at 5pm

with Eythorne Silver Band

## Christmas Day

Family Service at 10.30am

Refreshments served

# Everyone Welcome

Service available online at  
[www.youtube.com\eythornebaptistchurch](http://www.youtube.com\eythornebaptistchurch)





Follow The Star  
**THE GREAT  
INVITATION**



**St. Peter &  
St. Paul's  
Church**

**Saturday 10th December**

**3.00pm | Christmas Afternoon Tea | Elvington Community Centre**

**Sunday 11th December**

**4.00pm | Lessons & Carols | St. Peter & St. Paul's Church**

**Christmas Eve**

**3.30pm | Crib & Christingle Service**

**9.30pm | Midnight in Bethlehem Communion Service**

both services @ St. Peter & St. Paul's Church

**Christmas Day**

**10.30am Christmas Morning Service | St. Peter & St. Paul's Church**

**With Let's Worship - our lively Sunday morning service on Sunday 11th  
December**

*The Crown...  
The Pub that  
has stood the  
test of time.*



MONDAY: 4PM-10PM  
TUESDAY: 4PM-10PM  
WEDNESDAY: 12PM-11PM  
THURSDAY: 12PM-11PM  
FRIDAY: 12PM-11PM  
SATURDAY: 12PM - 11PM  
SUNDAY: 12PM - 6PM

## Christmas

Three Courses - £34.95

### Aperitif:

*A glass of bubbles with a dash of raspberry liquor and fresh raspberries*

### Starters:

*Broccoli and Stilton Soup with warm crusty bread*

*Free range scotch egg served on a bed of salad with Sriracha dipping sauce*

*Classic prawn cocktail with a Marie Rose sauce*

*Baked Camembert served with warm crusty bread*

*Ardennes pate with red onion chutney*

### Christmas Dinner:

*Locally sourced roast Turkey, pig in blanket, sage and onion stuffing*

*Locally sourced slow roasted beef, honey roast parsnip and a Yorkshire pudding*

*Both served with carrots, Brussels sprouts and braised red cabbage*

### Mains:

*Stem Ginger and whole Grain Mustard Glazed Ham served with Buttered New Potatoes and seasonal vegetables*

*Pan fried Salmon served with Herb New Potatoes and fresh green salad.*

*Mediterranean Vegetable Tart served with Buttered New Potatoes and a fresh green Salad.*

### Desserts:

*Sticky toffee pudding*

*Christmas pudding*

*Vegan cheesecake*

*Belgian chocolate Brownie*

*Served with a choice of custard, double cream or vanilla ice cream*

*A festival cheese board served with Stilton, Sharp Cheddar and a Double Gloucester, apple slices, grapes, figs, chutneys, and selection of crackers - £6.50 surcharge*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from All of The Team*

*If you suffer with any allergy or intolerance, please let us know*

# Book for 3rd January 2023



**Come and join us as we enjoy food, friendship and conversation over a home-cooked two course meal!**

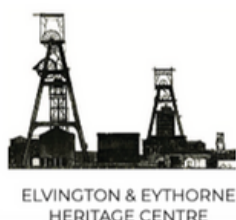
**Lunch is served at 12.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Elvington Community Centre**

**To book please call 07927481405 (spaces are limited so don't delay!)**

**Everyone is welcome, so come along, and LET'S EAT!**

**We look forward to seeing you**

**[when calling to book please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements]**







# Woodpecker Court

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**Woodpecker Court**  
*"Where learning meets the outdoors"*

## News from Woodpecker Court

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We are delighted to have been asked to contribute to the new Community Magazine!

We also hope that our students and staff can assist in some way with promoting and distributing it.

We want to make everyone aware of our community event coming up on Friday 9th December, 4pm to 7pm - Winter Wonderland. Following a period of uncertainty over being able to offer our community events, we are proud to be able to offer events again. We will soon be launching the event giving the public an opportunity to book tickets. Like last year, we will be offering local children a visit to Santa free of charge. There will also be Christmas craft, food and refreshments, Christmas lights in the woods, and even a Nativity scene with some of our animals, with the Reverend Sean Sheffield telling the Christmas story. You are all most welcome to attend, and if community groups want to add anything to the event please let me know. Keep an eye on our Facebook for news!

This academic year has had a wonderful start for staff and students at Woodpecker Court. In September we received an Ofsted inspection that was highly complimentary of our provision. We have no actions from it for improvement, and it is a wonderful endorsement for our provision and way of working. The following link takes you to the inspection report, if you are interested.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50196385>

We have also been fortunate enough to receive two County wide awards during October. Kent County Council named us as their Reconnect Learning Provider of the Year, and BBC Radio Kent gave us their Community Group award, for the work our staff and students have done to provide community activities like our Lambing Day, and Winter Wonderland. We are so very proud of these awards and to have been nominated by multiple professionals and local people. Following the KCC awards, we have received some high profile visits. Below Cllr Rory Love, KCC Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, and Cllr Sue Chandler, KCC Cabinet Member for Children's Services, are with the Principal Dominic Meehan, at the parachute – the hub of our community, after a tour of the site and discussions surrounding excellence in SEN education.



This term is charities term at Woodpecker Court. We believe that it is essential for our students to develop an awareness of the issues in the world and what charities do to support. So far we have supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Children in Need with activities and fund raising. This included attendance at the Eythorne War Memorial Service of Remembrance, and the laying of a wreath. We will go on to support six charities this term in total, which will include making around 250 frozen meals to support the homeless in Dover this Christmas. Below our students pause for two minutes silence at 11am on 11th November.



Our Community Farm has been hard work this week! The weather has been a real challenge, with so much rain in one week. The pigs are loving all the mud, but getting in there to work has been a very messy job! Our students have been so impressive, showing one of our core values – resilience – in abundance, as they get on with the job whatever the weather.

The picture here is one of our Animal Care students taking a rest after cleaning out a goat house.

Finally for this report, we are delighted to say that work is finally underway for the improvements to the site that will see a significant improvement to the facilities for our students and the community. Below is the shuttering being prepared for the concrete base of our new classroom on our main site. Nearby the new training kitchen has also been laid out.

These facilities will allow us to teach a wider curriculum and for more students. The training kitchen will give vital space for catering students to work, and free up our existing catering unit to become a community café in the spring. Watch out for more news on this!



We hope to see many of you at Winter Wonderland, but in the mean time we wish you all the best, from everyone at Woodpecker Court – and thank you for your support!



Woodpecker Wood and Woodpecker Court  
present



*Meet Father Christmas*

*Roast Marshmallows*



*Letter to Santa*

*Craft activities*

**Friday 9th December 2022**  
**4pm—7pm**

**Brass band**

**Nativity scene**

**Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Group**

**Purchase handmade crafts**

**To be held at Woodpecker Court, Eythorne - CT15 4AN**  
**Parking available but walking is recommended where possible**

**Booking is not required**

**If you have any access requirements please contact us on**  
**[events@woodpeckercourt.com](mailto:events@woodpeckercourt.com)**



With thanks to Dover District Council, Bewsborough Parish, Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Group and Eythorne Baptist Church

*St Peter & St Paul*



# Christmas Afternoon Tea

**SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

**3-5PM**

**ELVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**TEA AND CAKE £3.50 FULL TEA £5.00**  
**FAMILY CONCESSION**

Christmas Hamper raffle



# Tilmanstone Welfare Festive Opening

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 7-11pm

Christmas Eve 7-11.30pm

Live music 9-11pm

Boxing Day 2-9pm

Live music 3.30-6pm

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 7-11pm

New Years Eve 7.30pm-1am (ticket only)

**New Years Eve Disco**

Members £5

Non-Members £10

+18yrs only

Tickets must be bought in advance

*Please contact*

07825238193 or 07711295892

Tickets will be entered in a cash draw  
on the night!



## Tilmanstone Welfare Bowls Club



We are part of the Tilmanstone Miners Welfare Institution & Recreation would like to remind everyone in the local community what they have on their doorstep. The bowls club offers the perfect sport for all ages and everyone is welcome to come along and have a go at bowls. We are a small friendly club open from May until September and are looking for new members to join us.

**Please contact Jacqueline Caruth on 07776472400**

Elvington Community Centre  
St. John's Road, Elvington CT15 4DZ  
Elvington Community Centre



Elvington Community Centre

Contact Karen or Stuart 07709 989419 – 01304 832084



**Monday** – 10-12pm **Let's Play** Term Time

Ruth Sheffield 07736 243528

7-9pm **Badminton** – Michelle 07957 869749

**Tuesday** – **Elvington & Eythorne Heritage Group**

**Tahmineh School of Dance** Term Time

Age 3-5 4.30-5.10pm, Age 6-11 5.30-6.15pm

**Wednesday** – **Badminton & Table Tennis** 10-12pm

07951 661552

**Craft Club over 18's** Sandra 07765 854272

**Zumba** 1.30pm 07905 945218

Elvington Community Centre is available for public use for meeting, conferences and wedding receptions.

Onsite parking, Wifi, toilets and CCTV

# **ELVINGTON & EYTHORNE HERITAGE CENTRE**

**Elvington Community Centre  
St. John's Road, Elvington, CT15 4DZ  
Contact 07803 374167**



Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Centre has developed following the formation of the Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Group, a group of volunteers, who are all involved in helping to research and archive the heritage of the villages of Eythorne and Elvington, along with the ancient parish of Waldershare, and Tilmanstone Colliery. Funding was granted from Dover District Council and the Kent Coalfield Regeneration Trust.

Within the heritage centre archive there are many examples of images, photographs, maps, plans and memorabilia on exhibits or permanent display cabinets. Visitors can learn about the vast amount of heritage that is recorded in our archives for Eythorne, Elvington, Waldershare and Tilmanstone Colliery.

Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Group is able to fully organise and give professional talks and presentations to groups of adults, who are interested in our local heritage, as well as helping to educate groups of school children and students of all ages.



Elvington & Eythorne Heritage Group



[Elvingtonandeythorneheritage.org.uk](http://Elvingtonandeythorneheritage.org.uk)



# CHRISTMAS

**S** **T** **O** **C** **K** **I** **N** **G**

**T**

Looking for that extra stocking stuffer then look no further for £6.50 you can have your own personal mug.

**U**

You can add name/nick name

Pit Check number

Date of employment

**F**

Date of colliery open/closed

Picture of colliery and personal picture

**F**

Or just have a personal mug done what about a Baby's First Christmas or better still pop along to the centre on a Tuesday and have your own design printed on to a mug.

**E**

**R**

**S**



If you would like a colliery mug then you can choose from hundreds of images in our archives.



These can also be ordered through email/messenger etc, posted with additional postage to be added.

**Elvington & Eythorne Heritage Group**  
**Are hosting a quiz night to help to raise funds**

# quiz night!

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**Open 7 for 7.30pm start**  
**£5 per person up to 8 per table**

**Bring own food and drink**

**Quiz master Peter Jones**

**Donation of raffle prizes greatly received**

**To book a table please contact**  
**Carol Duffield on 07855 045650**

# Let's

# PLAY



Calling all parents & carers of little ones, from babies to preschoolers, we'd love for you to join us at our stay and play sessions! Plenty for little ones to do and a great opportunity to meet other parents & carers. We promise a warm and friendly welcome, so come along and give us a try!

## **ELVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Monday mornings (Term-time)**

**10.00am-12.00pm**

## **WHITFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday mornings (Term-time)**

**9.30am-11.30am**

We work on a donation basis and everyone is welcome, whether they can donate or not. For those who are able to contribute, the suggested donation is £2 per family per session.

For more information, find us on Facebook by searching for 'Let's Play Eythorne & Elvington' or 'Let's Play Whitfield', or contact Ruth Sheffield on 07736 243528.

# CHRISTMAS RECIPES

## Christmas Rocky Road

### Ingredients:

250g dark chocolate  
150g milk chocolate  
175g soft butter  
4 x 15ml tablesp. golden syrup  
200g amaretti biscuits (the hard ones)  
150g shelled brazil nuts  
150g red glace cherries  
mini marshmallows  
1 x 15ml tablesp. icing sugar

A foil tray measuring approximately 236 x 296 mm



### Method:

Chop both sorts of chocolate small then put into a heavy based pan to melt with the butter and syrup over a gentle heat.

Put the biscuits into a freezer bag and bash with a rolling pin until you have a mixture of crumbs and bigger pieces.

Put the brazil nuts into another freezer bag and bash these with a rolling pin until you have a mixture of small and larger pieces.

Take the pan off the heat and add the crushed biscuits and nuts, the whole glace cherries and mini marshmallows. Turn everything to coat with the chocolate mixture.

Turn everything into the foil tray smoothing the top as best you can.

Refrigerate until firm enough to cut (approx 1½ - 2 hours)

Sieve the icing sugar over the top.

Cut into 24 squares and serve.

### Making ahead:

Don't add the icing sugar until just before serving.

Cut into bars and store in an airtight container in a cool place for up to 1 week.

### Freeze ahead:

Cut the Rocky Road into bars.

Freeze for up to a month.

Thaw overnight in a cool place and dust with icing sugar before serving.



**Bingo Night  
at Tilmanstone Bowls Club**

Sat 10th Dec  
7pm for 7.30pm start

**Merry  
Christmas**  
All welcome  
(players must be +18yrs)

Raffle donations appreciated

Hope you will join us for our last bingo of  
2022!

**YOUR  
AD  
HERE!**

## **BROWNS 24HR LOCKSMITHS**

If you are locked out give me a shout  
24 hour call outs & emergency door opening

Contact Greg on ;

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