



Ripley Town Council



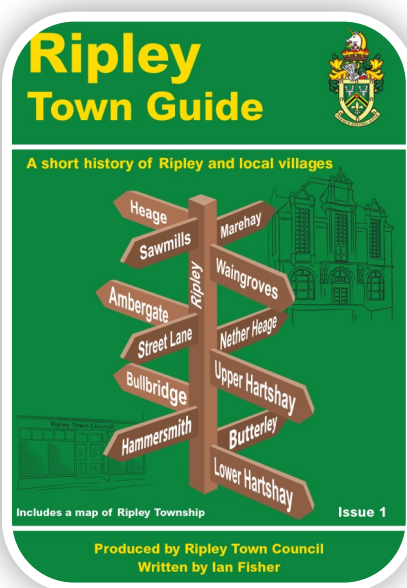
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April 2021

Welcome to the April 2021 edition of the Ripley Town Council newsletter. We aim to make Ripley a better place. We will try and help all those who need it, by building and strengthening relationships with individuals, groups and communities. We aim to create a more secure and inclusive Ripley by helping individuals, families and communities to thrive. We will work towards a more fairly shared society seeking to strengthen opportunities for all in education, health, housing, employment, transport, leisure and culture.

Ripley Town Council publish New Town Guide

It is now five years since a Town Guide was published for Ripley and, as supplies have run out, we have been asked when there will be a new one. We are now pleased to announce that the new edition is being printed now and will be available over the next couple of months.



An important part of any Town Guide is the street map, and as there have been many new building developments in Ripley over the years, with new street names, we hope the new fold out map will be very helpful.



Writer, Ian Fisher

We have also taken the opportunity to put the history of Ripley into an easily accessible form, with ten pages of snippets of interesting information about the town centre and the villages of the township. It tells us about the sawmills at Sawmills and the Amber Gate at Ambergate as well as the path from The Green that became Grosvenor Road.

The history of Waingroves, Hammersmith, the Market Place, Co-op Square, Ambergate, Sawmills, Street Lane, Heage, Marehay, and Butterley are all covered in the new guide. There is also a list of the local community groups that are financially supported by the Town Council and a list of useful telephone numbers.

The guide has been written by Ian Fisher, with assistance from Peter Smith and the Ripley and District Heritage Trust and a great deal of editorial support from Ripley Town Clerk, Linda McCormick.

The guide will be free of charge and details of how it will be available and distributed will be published when the removal of covid restrictions becomes clearer.

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Welcome to Market Place

We invite you to read on
and find out more about
the history of this area.



Ripley © WI / RDHT

On 25th November 1251 Henry III visited

Darley Abbey while hunting. At the Abbot's request he granted Ripley a weekly market and annual fair by signing a charter later that year. These were held on what was then known as "The Green".

In the early 19th century people generally travelled by stagecoach or on horseback.

By the 1820's there were several stagecoaches passing through Ripley on weekdays. The Royal Mail went to Birmingham and London daily. The slower coach "Amity" went from Leeds to Birmingham, the "Champion" travelled from Nottingham to Buxton.

In addition, there were carriers' carts and wagons usually going to Derby and Nottingham and back. Coaching ended when the railway arrived.



F. S. ALLSOP. RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
FOR HIGH-CLASS PIT PONIES.
Illustration from Derbyshire Pictorial.

Mr F S Allsop's horses on Ripley Market Place. He was the largest dealer of horses in Derbyshire in the early 1900's and his stables were in Slack Lane, Ripley. In the background can be seen the Three Horse Shoes Hotel and the White Lion Hotel.

Ripley Fair has been held on the Market Place since the 1251 Charter. Since the mid 19th century it has always been around the 23rd October. It had a good reputation for horse sales, but there were also many entertainments such as jugglers, melodramas, shooting galleries and a "ghost show". Many different items were on sale, including spices, salt, cloth, wool and linen. The fair was noted for "huge retailing and consumption of pork pie."



Ripley Fair 1956 © picturethepast.org.uk

The Local Board was formed in 1867 and took over the market and fair, constructing the Market Place and a Market Hall. The market flourished and in the 20th century many buses from surrounding areas came into the town, bringing shoppers. The market often stayed open until 10pm!

Built on the site of a White House that had stood on the Green for many years, the Market Hall was not successful and was replaced by a new Town Hall in 1880.



Market Place and Town Hall 1920s picturethepast.org.uk

This was the home of Ripley Urban District Council until 1974

when it was replaced in the national local government re-organisation by Amber Valley Borough Council. New Council offices were built in the 1990s on the site of Street's fish and chip shop and Scarsdale House on Cromford Rd, the home and surgery of Dr Ryan for many years.



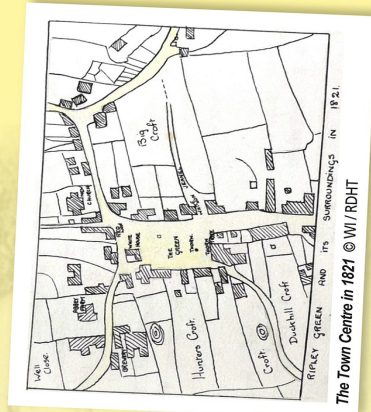
Street's fish and chip shop © picturethepast.org.uk



Ripley Market Place showing the Elm tree © picturethepast.org.uk

The top of Lowes Hill, next to the Market Place was renamed Church Street when the new church was built in 1821. Next to the old White Lion alehouse there was a path that led to a pin fold and "Stone Jug", the House of Confinement. This was used to detain those who misbehaved, often drunkards. In 1904 this track became Grosvenor Road.

Slack Lane was a medieval pack horse trail eventually reaching the Roman road at Street Lane. The slabs surfacing it were still in place until 1973.

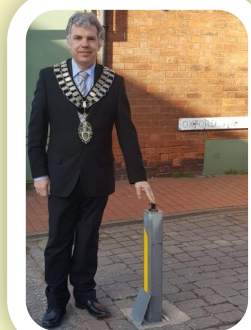


The Town Centre in 1821 © WI / RDHT



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Oxford Street bollard update



Progress has finally been made after two years of Ripley Town Council lobbying Derbyshire County Council to replace the missing bollards on Oxford Street in the town.

Work to reinstall the bollards started on 9th March 2021 and we are happy to report

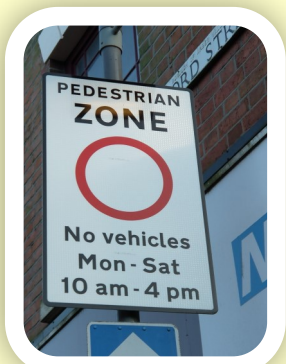
that they are now in place from 10am until 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

Please note these restrictions prohibit no waiting of vehicles between the specified hours and prohibits no loading between the specified hours (which includes an exemption of permitted vehicles only). The provisions contained within this order effectively prohibit any vehicles from parking within the restricted zone unless under the permitted vehicles as defined below:

'Goods Vehicles associated with a trader or business located within Oxford Street and Cooper Street, subject to either approval by a Police Officer in Uniform (if present) or by the issuing of a dispensation or waiver from the Parking Manager.'

Derbyshire County Council are working with Amber Valley Borough Council to put the bollards up and down during restricted hours.

If you have any queries regarding the bollards or the restrictions, please contact Derbyshire County Council who has responsibility for highways, on 01629 533190.

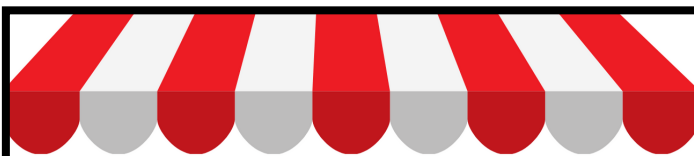


This year is the 100th anniversary of The Royal British Legion. It was formed to help ex-servicemen returning from the First World War to a country with high unemployment and an ailing economy.

Move forward 100 years and The Royal British Legion, with money raised by the annual Poppy Appeal, is still helping not only veterans, but serving members of the Armed Forces.

To mark this occasion, the Ripley Branch of The Royal British Legion is planning to plant a tree of remembrance in Crossley Park.

When restrictions are lifted and meetings can resume, the Ripley Branch meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Marehay Miners Welfare, Derby Road, Ripley at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact the Branch Secretary, Phil Joy nes on 07837 298425.



Ripley is open!



SHOP RIPLEY



SHOP SAFE

All non-essential shops have now reopened! Please get behind our local shops and businesses by supporting them where you can.

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Information correct at the time of going to print



Little litter pickers

Young Ripley residents, Rosie and Charlie regularly go out litter picking on Albion Street in Ripley, along with their mum.

They have their own litter picking equipment and take two bin bags with them; one for general waste and the other for recyclable waste.

They are showing amazing community spirit and values. Well done to Rosie, Charlie and their mum! You are a credit to our town.



Community Litter Picking

You will have noticed an increase in the amount of litter on our streets and footpaths during the lockdowns.

To help reduce the impact of litter, the Ripley Town Council Environment Committee has provided many sets of free litter picking equipment to community groups*. The equipment consists of litter picking grips, hoops for black bags, and high visibility vests.

If your community group* would like to apply for free litter picking equipment, please contact us (details on next page).

Please remember to follow the current Government guidelines at the time you go out litter picking.

*Your group must be based within the Ripley Township - Ripley, Marehay, Waingroves, Ambergate, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Street Lane, Heage, Nether Heage, Lower Hartshay, Upper Hartshay.



Former Councillor receives prestigious Freedom of the Town honour

Mr. Charles Cutting has retired as a Councillor from Ripley Town Council after 39 years representing the Elms Ward of the town.

To commemorate this outstanding length of service, Ripley Town Council have granted Charles the highest honour we can bestow to him with the Honorary Freedom of the Town, for the valuable and devoted services rendered to this council and to the Ripley Township.

Charles was elected to represent his ward in 1982 and has been a respected member of the council throughout the years. Charles' priorities for the town included the provisions for young people in the town and he was a valuable member of the Events Committee.

He was the Mayor of Ripley in 1988 and then again in 2006. He was consort to his late wife Jenny, when she was Mayor of Ripley in 1989 and in 1993 when he was also Mayor of Amber Valley the same year.

Charles has lived in Ripley all of his life, except for when he was in the Royal Navy. He attended St. John's School between the years of 1935 and 1944 when it was situated on Derby Road in Ripley.

In 1948, Charles served in the Royal Navy under

King George VI and with Admiral Mountbatten. He left the Navy after seven years of service.

Charles had an extensive political career as a Councillor. He was a Derbyshire County Councillor for 20 years, of which two years were spent as Chairman. He was an Amber Valley Borough Councillor for 18 years (1986-2004).



Charles enjoys listening to brass bands and has always been in the front row of the Ripley Bands on the Park during the summer months.

Upon receiving his certificate and medal from the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Tony Holmes, Charles said, 'It is a wonderful honour to have received this award - the first of its kind in Ripley. I am immensely proud and have enjoyed every minute of serving my community. I have stepped down from the Council having made many friends over the years and I wish them all well.'

Ripley Town Council are eternally grateful to Charles for volunteering almost four decades for our community.

Ripley Town Councillor contact details

Ambergate Ward

Cllr. C. Worth | 01773 853571 (Lab)

Cllr. N. Weaving | 01773 856375 (Lab)

Butterley Ward

Cllr. S. Freeborn | 01773 749000 (Lab)

Cllr. T. Holmes | 01773 742574 (Lab)

Central Ward

Cllr. R. Ashton | 01773 745420 (Con)

Cllr. L. Cox | 01773 742574 (Lab)

East Ward

Cllr. S. Carter | 01773 741600 (Con)

Cllr. M. Jones | 01773 742225 (Lab)

Cllr. R. Emmas-Williams | 01773 746543 (Lab)

Cllr. I. Fisher | 01773 745221 (Lab)

Elms Ward

Cllr J. Gregory | 01773 744477 (Lab)

Heage Ward

Cllr P. Lobley | 01773 856874 (Lab)

Marehay Ward

Cllr M. Wilson | 01773 772712 (Lab)

North Ward

Cllr P. Moss | 01773 748827 (Con)

Waingroves Ward

Cllr. D. Williams | 01773 744754 (Lab)



The postal and email address for each Councillor can be found on the Ripley Town Council website.

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