



Ripley Town Council



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April 2022

Welcome to the April 2022 edition of the Ripley Town Council newsletter. We aim to make Ripley 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 Neighbourhood Plan

Planning for our future

By Councillor Steve Freeborn

The current Ripley Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) 'runs out' in 2028 but it is proposed that it is updated in a few areas - we hope to improve the environmental (and some other) planning requirements. All the documentation for the suggestions is available on the Ripley Town Council website, and there has also been the chance for people to view - and comment - on the proposals 'in person' at Greenwich Community Centre.

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

Before the amendments are formally adopted, two things must happen. Firstly, the public must approve the amendments through a public ballot - it is hoped that Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) will arrange this for 5th May (the date of local government elections). Secondly, the Planning Authority - which is AVBC - must formally adopt the changes if they are approved by a majority in the ballot.

Clearly, as Leader of the Council, I hope you will vote in favour of the proposed amendments.

Looking to the future, later this year Ripley Town Council will be starting to detail the processes and timetable for establishing a new Neighbourhood Plan, to take effect in 2028. How we go about it, and how you can get involved, will be reported in future newsletters.



The Ripley Township

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Welcome to Butterley



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

In 1276 the Abbot of Darley Abbey enclosed a new park at "Buterleg", now known as Butterley Park.

There was a mill near to where Butterley Station now stands. Nearby land was owned by the Luy family who perhaps lived near to the present Padley Hall. The Luy name evolved into Lowes, and the road to Pentrich from Ripley was "Lowes Hill".

Benjamin Outram and Company was founded in 1790 to extract coal and ironstone. With the support of Richard Arkwright, it was decided to build a canal from Cromford to Langley Mill with William Jessop as the engineer.

The canal included a tunnel 2996 yards long and the Butterley Reservoir was created to provide a ready supply of water. The canal opened in 1793.



"Legging" through Cromford canal tunnel 1845 © picturethepast.org.uk

From 1791 the coal and ironstone mined here was used in a blast furnace at Butterley. Lime from Crich was brought by narrowboat to a wharf built on the canal under the works.

There were many developments on the Butterley Works site and products included tram rails, steam engines and bridges. The St Pancras Station roof, the Falkirk Wheel (the world's first rotating boat lift) and Portsmouth's Spinnaker were all manufactured here.



Disguise painting of works building © R&DHT

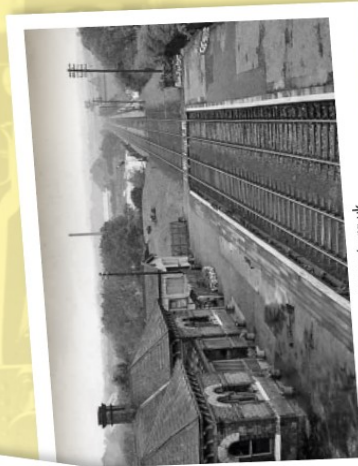
Butterley Company employed thousands of people from Ripley and the surrounding area, with farms, collieries, Riddings Ironworks and brickyards all belonging to the Company. The works had its own railway network, fire brigade, post office and health centre.



St Pancras Station roof under construction © picturethepast.org.uk

During the Second World War the Mulberry pontoons used on D-Day were made at Butterley along with a wide variety of armaments. This made it a target for the Luftwaffe and the works were disguised by painting the walls to look like dwellings. The remains of this disguise are just visible today.

New rail links were important to the developing business in the 19th C. Butterley Station was opened in 1875 with passenger links to Ambergate and eventually, Heanor. Services between Butterley and Ripley were permanently withdrawn on 1st June 1930, together with trains between Ripley and Derby. Butterley Station was closed to regular passenger traffic on 16th June 1947.



Butterley Station © picturethepast.org.uk

On the site at the Midland Railway Centre there are now preserved Midland, LMS and BR items in a living museum on 3.5 miles standard gauge line. There is also a one mile 2ft gauge railway on a 57 acre museum site as well as a miniature railway and over 25 steam, 30 diesel and electric locomotives.



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Ripley Hospital Butterley Ward

– a temporary reprieve at least

By Councillor Steve Freeborn

In the last issue of this newsletter, we reported on the closure of Ripley Hospital's Butterley Ward, and that Nigel Mills MP had yet to reply to RTC's emailed letter lobbying for its retention. A full reply has now been received, and we thank Nigel Mills MP for this.

It is true that many services are provided at Ripley Hospital, but they are all daytime ones like we have for Physiotherapy, X-ray, Phlebotomy, and the new appointment system for A & E. As far as RTC can ascertain, the township might be reasonably confident these services will stay open.

It is also true that the Butterley Ward has been re-opened which is great news, but unfortunately it is not guaranteed to stay that way... It seems the Ward was re-opened to help the NHS in Derbyshire meet extra demand for beds from the 'winter surge'.

Ripley Town Council is reminded that the Butterley Ward and many other facilities at Ripley



Hospital have been funded by the people of Ripley through their support of the amazing work of the hospital's League of Friends. Ripley Town Council believes that the in-hospital care services that were transferred from the Butterley Ward to Ilkeston Hospital – along with the staff providing the services - should be returned to Ripley Hospital, permanently.

Hire Greenwich Community Centre



For your business meeting, training event, community group or party

Facilities:

Capacity - 70 seated (10 people per round table) for dinners or buffets

Capacity - seats 80 comfortably for conferences, courses or meetings

Large screen TV

Projector and screen

Car parking for 50 cars

Bar

Kitchen

Ladies, gents and disabled toilet

Disabled access

Hire by the hour

For more information and to book, contact
Greenwich Park Sports Partnership:

Tel: 07380 341723

Email: greenwichparksp@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/greenwichparksp

Greenwich Community Centre, Nottingham Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3AY

Lights, camera, action!

Ripley Town Council were granted funding from the Welcome Back Fund. The purpose of the fund is to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and tourism, particularly in high streets. As part of that funding, we have produced a short video, promoting the Ripley Township as a wonderful town to shop and live in.

The video has been created by 5Lamps Media based in Derby in liaison with our Deputy Clerk, Hannah Curzon. It can be viewed online on the Ripley Town Council website and social media platforms. Copies have also been sent to local tourism websites, businesses and estate agents to use to promote Ripley.

We are thankful to the local businesses and tourist attractions for their help in making this video. We are proud of our Township and all the amazing people in it and we hope that when you see the video, it makes you proud of where you live too.



Ripley Town Council

is proud to present

Ripley Spring Market & Well Dressing

Sunday 15th May 2022
10am - 3pm

Ripley Market Place

Stalls - Food - Drink - Clothing - Gifts - Charities -
Children's entertainment - FREE children's rides

FREE Face Painting

Ripley Academy of Dance

Star Generation Music Academy

Blessing of the Well Dressing

Launch of the Ripley Wool Bombing

Live Broadcast from Amber Sound FM 

Everyone welcome!

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RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

presents



SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022

NEWSTEAD BRASS

SUNDAY 10 JULY 2022

PURE STEEL

SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022

DOG HAUS

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2022

NEWHALL BRASS

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022

DERWENT WINDBAND

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

LICKSQUID

FREE

VARIOUS DATES
THROUGHOUT SUMMER
2022

Bring your chair and a picnic,
sit back, relax and enjoy the
music!

**BANDS ON
CROSSLEY
PARK
RIPLEY**

2.30-4.30PM

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Ripley Town Council

Grant Applications Open!

All not-for-profit groups, organisations and charities in the Ripley Township* are invited to apply for financial assistance from Ripley Town Council.

Apply Now!

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Deadline for applications is 22nd May 2022.

We are not able to give financial grants to businesses, Churches or Chapels.

* Ripley, Marehay, Waingroves, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay, Lower Hartshay, Heage, Nether Heage, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Ambergate.



Ripley



Wool Bombing

Sunday 15th May - Sunday 12th June 2022



Ripley Town Council are looking for local groups, businesses, families, individuals and schools to produce knitting, crochet or pompoms to decorate a tree in either Crossley Park or on Ripley Market Place.

The theme: anything you like!

If you are interested in taking part, please email: deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01773 513456.

This project is for residents, schools, groups or businesses in the Ripley Township (Ripley, Waingroves, Marehay, Heage, Nether Heage, Sawmills, Bullbridge, Ambergate, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay and Lower Hartshay).

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Market Traders wanted

Be part of one of the oldest Markets in the area at Ripley Market on Fridays and Saturdays

Contact Malcolm Ruscoe - 07957 382611 (Ripley Market Traders' Association) for more information



Photo credit: Ashley Franklin



Let's celebrate this historical event... As a community

Bank Holiday weekend 2nd - 5th June 2022

Ripley Town Council would love for residents and businesses in the Ripley Township to organise a celebration over this Bank Holiday weekend to mark 70 years of service of Her Majesty The Queen.

Whether it be a party at your home, in your garden or a street party, get your friends, family and neighbours involved!

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RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

INVITE YOU TO A



OUTDOOR CINEMA

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

ENTRY FROM 6.30PM

FILM STARTS AROUND 7.45PM



GREASE



GREENWICH PARK, NOTTINGHAM ROAD, RIPLEY, DE5 3AY

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, BLANKET & PICNIC | FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE TO BUY | BAR OPEN | TOILETS | NO PARKING ON SITE - WALK TO THE VENUE IF YOU CAN. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF LOCAL RESEDENTS, OTHER ROAD USERS & PEDESTRIANS IF YOU DO PARK ON NEARBY ROADS | LIMITED DISABLED PARKING

ALL SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Focus on what Ripley Town Council provides for young people in the Ripley Township

The aim of Ripley Town Council can be read on the front page of this newsletter. Quite simply, we want to make the Ripley Township a better place for everyone who lives, works and is educated here.

Over the next year, we have committed £30,000 towards youth provision. We are branching our focus out from activities in Ripley to the surrounding villages in the Township for 10 to 16 year olds. All our youth activities are aimed at making new friends, trying something new, building confidence and learning new skills, and the best thing is, we are able to provide the clubs free of charge to the young people.

We are grateful to have been awarded a grant of £15,000 in total from the previous and current Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to help us continue our current youth programme.

Please keep an eye out for what we provide during school holidays, on our social media and website. We advise booking on the session - details are on our website. Here's what we currently do during the week.

MONDAYS
6-8PM

The Old Farm Bus
Marehay



Off The Brakes Workshops include; poetry, drumming, beat boxing, tie-dying, merch design and production, hula hooping, to name a few...all on a bus!

WEDNESDAYS
5-7PM

Greenwich Community Centre
Ripley



Ripley Youth Hub activities include: crafts, table tennis, food and drink, games, music, films and themed weeks.

THURSDAYS
6-8PM

Sawmills Village Hall
Sawmills



Sawmills Youth Club activities include: crafts, indoor and outdoor games, sport, challenges and refreshments.

New guide for a Ripley to Belper walk along the Coppice Brook

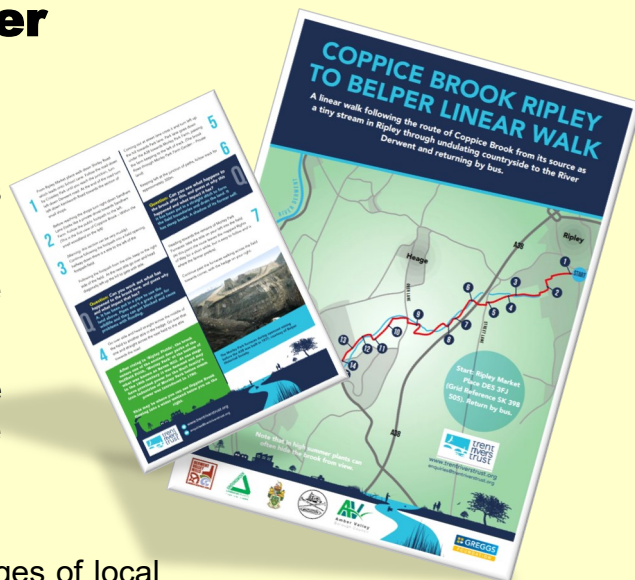
The Trent Rivers Trust is bringing together businesses, communities and organisations to make local brooks cleaner, more enjoyable and better for wildlife.

Ripley Town Council has helped to fund the project, The River Starts Here over the last three years.

Trent Rivers Trust has produced a guide for a 5 mile linear walk following the route of the babbling Coppice Brook from its source as a tiny stream in Ripley through undulating countryside to the River Derwent in Belper.

The guide has details about the route and includes images of local landmarks and questions and answers for you to consider about the brook. Importantly, it tells you which bus to catch back from Belper to Ripley if you didn't want to walk back!

The guide can be downloaded from the Ripley Town Council website.



Report any issues by calling
Derbyshire County Council
01629 533192 or by texting 86555

Report via their website
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Have you seen an obstruction on a Public Right of Way (PRoW)?

If so, please report it to Derbyshire County Council. Obstructions on public rights of way present a serious problem to users. Here's a list of some of the problems encountered:

- barbed wire across paths
- Buildings / fencing
- ploughed and cropped paths
- overgrown hedges / encroachment
- stiles and gates in disrepair

Waingroves Community Association

Waingroves Litter Pick

All residents are welcome to come along and help litter pick our community on the following Saturdays at 10am:

All children under the age of 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult over 18.

19th March 2022

30th April 2022

21st May 2022

18th June 2022

23rd July 2022

20th August 2022

Meet at:
Waingroves Community Centre
Church Street
Waingroves
DE5 9TF

All litter picking equipment and materials are supplied by Waingroves Community Association from the Centre, thanks to funding from Ripley Town Council.



For further information, contact Councillor David Williams - 01773 744754

Certificate of Merit Award 2022



Do you know someone in the Ripley Township* who is deserving of recognition for their voluntary work within our local community? If so, we want to hear about them!

Maybe they've helped someone in need, have a passion for our local environment or community, raised money for charity or organised activities to benefit local people or causes?

The nominee must live or be involved in groups within the Ripley Township*. No sitting Councillor may nominate or be nominated.

Deadline for applications: 1st September 2022

*Ripley, Waingroves, Marehay, Ambergate, Nether Heage, Heage, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Street Lane or Lower or Upper Hartshay

MEETING DATES

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Our meetings are conducted in the Council Chamber in Ripley Town Hall. You are welcome to join the meeting to hear our council discuss local matters or if you would like to bring something to our attention, you can have the opportunity to speak in the meeting.

Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7pm

Ripley Mayor supporting Salvation Army Coffee Morning

The Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Roland Emmas-Williams, and his Consort, Mrs. Sheila Emmas-Williams recently attended the monthly coffee morning at Ripley Salvation Army on Heath Road.

Last year, Ripley Town Council gave the Salvation Army a grant of £1000 towards helping less fortunate families in the Ripley Township with Christmas food parcels.

The Community Cafe is open the last Friday of the month from 10am until 1pm.



Pictured L-R: Ian Brown (Corps Secretary), Lieutenant Callum Thompson (Corps Officer), in the kitchen – Iris Brown and Pat Beauchamp, Mayor Cllr Roland Emmas-Williams, Consort Shelia Emmas-Williams and Peter Raggett (Corps CSM).



RIPLEY TOWN COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

BHIB Derbyshire Council of the Year 2020 & 2018 & Highly Commended 2019

AMBERGATE WARD

Cllr. Christine Worth | 01773 853571 (Lab)
Cllr. Nigel Weaving | 01773 856375 (Lab)

BUTTERLEY WARD

Cllr. Steve Freeborn | 01773 749000 (Lab)
Cllr. Tony Holmes | 01773 742574 (Lab)

CENTRAL WARD

Cllr. Ron Ashton | 01773 745420 (Con)
Cllr. Lyndsay Cox | 01773 742574 (Lab)

EAST WARD

Cllr. Sean Carter | 01773 741600 (Con)
Cllr. Matt Jones | 01773 742225 (Lab)
Cllr. Roland Emmas-Williams | 01773 746543 (Lab)
Cllr. Ian Fisher | 01773 745221 (Lab)
Cllr. Steven Williams | 07837 263344 (Con)

ELMS WARD

Cllr. Matt Allwood | 07426 027184 (Lab)
Cllr. Janis Gregory | 01773 744477 (Lab)
Cllr. Trevor Spencer | 07982 943944 (Con)

HEAGE WARD

Cllr. Tony Harper | 07730 044021 (Con)
Cllr. Paul Lobley | 01773 856874 (Lab)
Cllr. Lynn Joyes | 01773 857320 (Con)

MAREHAY WARD

Cllr. Mick Wilson | 01773 772712 (Lab)

NORTH WARD

Cllr. Paul Moss | 01773 748827 (Con)
Cllr. Matt Murray | 07598 284313 (Con)

WAINGROVES WARD

Cllr. David 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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