



Ripley Town Council



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Shop Ripley

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Welcome to the August 2020 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.

Butchers, bakers and candlestick maker!

We may be biased but we really do think Ripley has the best choice of diverse shops. You will have seen the 'Shop local - Shop Ripley' banners around the Ripley Township. We urge our local community to get behind local shops, Ripley Market and businesses, and support them by buying goods or services from them.

The Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Holmes, said: 'It is important that we support our local shops and market as much as we can, now more than ever. They are trying to get back on their feet after being closed for the past few months. Ripley Market has an improved layout, enabling social distancing at stalls. If each household spent just £5 extra per week in Ripley, this would boost our local economy immensely'.

He added, 'Several essential shops and businesses remained open throughout lockdown. On behalf of Ripley Town Council and the residents in the Ripley Township, I thank them and all their wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication during this very difficult time.

Ripley has a great wide range of shops. We have butchers, bakers and even a candlestick maker!



We hope that whether you go into town or order from them over the telephone or internet, you are helping to put a smile on a shop keeper's face and keeping local people employed'.

Pictured: Councillor Tony Holmes, Mayor of Ripley shopping in the town

For several days in June, Amber Valley Borough Council made their car parks free of charge for the community to use. Businesses and residents welcomed this initiative. We will continue to lobby them to have regular free parking periods.

You can find out more information about shops and businesses in Ripley, on the Ripley Town Council website.

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk



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Oxford Street Barriers

As you will be aware, Oxford Street in Ripley is a pedestrianised zone, Monday to Saturday, 10am until 4pm.

For the past several months, we have been waiting for Derbyshire County Council (who are responsible for highways) to repair the damaged barrier at the entrance to Oxford Street. We have been told the Police have issued many tickets to vehicles illegally using the street during pedestrianised hours. After many months of lobbying them, we are pleased to announce that the barrier will be replaced.

(Information is correct at the time of going to print.)



THANK YOU!

We would like to give a big, sincere thank you to all the local support groups who have helped and continue to help residents throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Volunteers have given their time to carry out shopping tasks for vulnerable and shielding residents, fetch prescriptions from chemists and offer a welcome, friendly, socially distant chat.

The community spirit in the Ripley Township has shone through during this difficult time and we are proud to see new friendships have been made and the neighbourly spirit is still alive!

Cancelled Events

There were due to be many fun events taking place in the Ripley Township this Summer and beyond, but unfortunately, due to current circumstances and government advice regarding the health and safety of the public, they have been cancelled.

These events are:

Ripley Bands on Crossley Park

Ripley Music Festival

Waingroves Show Marehay Show

Ambergate Carnival Heage Carnival

Outdoor Cinema on Greenwich (Ripley)

Derbyshire Scrubs

Ripley Town Council are thrilled to have supported the fantastic project, 'Derbyshire Scrubs' by purchasing materials for them to use to make medical scrubs.

Wonderful Ripley Township residents have volunteered their time, scissors and sewing machines to help make much needed scrubs for NHS hospitals, care homes, hospices, GP surgeries and dentists all over Derbyshire.

We are really pleased that Ripley Hospital have received 21 sets of scrubs, made by this group. All the fabric

and materials have been purchased by crowdfunding, donations like the one by Ripley Town Council and by the volunteers themselves.



Derbyshire Scrubs started out on Facebook and have around 70 members from all over the county. As a group, they have supplied around 1000 sets of scrubs to the NHS services across Derbyshire, all with the correct fabric specification needed.

Ripley resident and Derbyshire Scrubs volunteer, Lizzie Adcock said, 'Although many of us have only met through our Facebook group, we have been able to cover many roles from sourcing fabrics and trims, pattern cutting, fabric cutting, machining, to stock control, packing to delivering around the county. We have all volunteered our time and skills to help the communities of Derbyshire'.

Volunteering continues on Ripley Greenway

By Mary Foster - Friends of Ripley Greenway

Throughout Lockdown, Friends of Ripley Greenway volunteers have been out on the Greenway picking up litter, whilst complying with Covid Secure regulations and guidance from Waterside Care / Keep Britain Tidy.

Earlier in 2020, as part of The River Starts Here Project and with help from Derbyshire County Council Countryside Services, we constructed a path at Marehay, by clearing nettles and bramble, laying branches as edging and then bark chippings. This enabled users of the Greenway to get to the edge of the brook. It created an interesting diversion from the main path for people to enjoy.

In recent weeks, the path had become completely overgrown, so volunteers cleared away plants that had taken root and engulfed it.

Volunteers worked on pulling up an invasive plant Himalayan Balsam, further along the brookside towards the Bear sculpture. If left to grow, this plant takes over, crowding out all other natural plants.



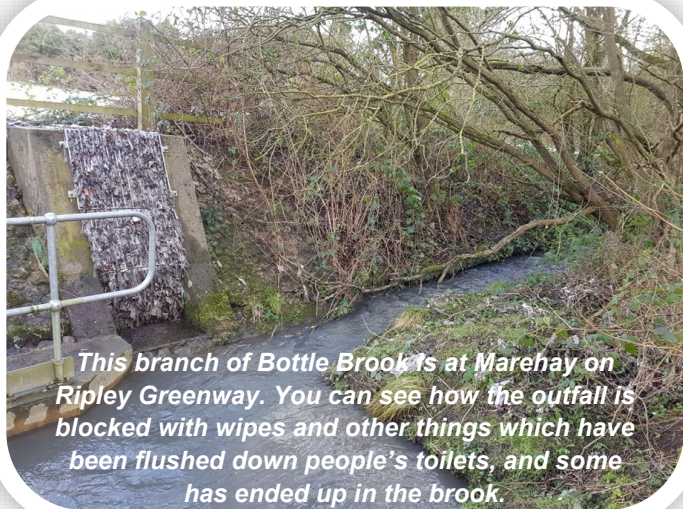
A group of Friends of Ripley Greenway volunteers

We will be organising more 'Himalayan Balsam bashing' sessions this summer. The volunteers really enjoy getting out together to do something worthwhile to improve our local environment.

Water voles, which are becoming rare, have been seen in the brook and by looking after it, we hope to encourage more wildlife.

New volunteers are very welcome and if you are interested, please email ripleygreenway@yahoo.co.uk

River Starts Here Project update



This branch of Bottle Brook is at Marehay on Ripley Greenway. You can see how the outfall is blocked with wipes and other things which have been flushed down people's toilets, and some has ended up in the brook.

3 things you can do to help...

Only flush Pee, Paper and Pool!
And remember, wet wipes aren't paper.

Call Severn Trent on 0800 783 4444 if you see sewage debris. They will clear it up.

After you've done that, let us at Trent Rivers Trust know about it.

The River Starts Here? How do you mean? In a sense, the river starts in our own homes, in our toilets! Our toilets are joined by sewers to the Sewage Treatment Works. In very heavy rain, these can overflow into our brooks.

Think before you flush!

Things like wipes and nappies don't just disappear down the u-bend and dissolve. They clump together and cause havoc in the sewers. This can make homes and gardens flood with sewage.

On top of that, in heavy rain, sewage treatment works can overflow into our streams. The pee and poo is bad enough – but at least it can break down. Things like wipes, cotton buds and even cotton wool don't break down. They look horrible in the streams, and have far-reaching impacts on nature and the environment.

On a lighter note, it's lovely to see how many people have been enjoying our new 'Lakeside Boulevard' in Carr Wood. People who have been going there for years have said that they love the new path.

The Friends of Ripley Greenway are starting up again after lockdown, (please see the article above). To join in, contact ripleygreenway@yahoo.co.uk

Enjoy your brooks! They are very special places.



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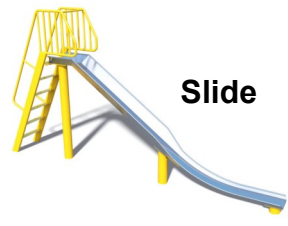
New play equipment for Cedar Avenue Playground

We are looking to add two new pieces of fun, play equipment to Cedar Avenue Playground in Ripley.

We want to know what YOU would like there. Please discuss this with any young children who you know as we would love for them to help choose.

Please fill in and return the slip below to us by **31st August 2020**. Or you can email us your selection to deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The two pieces of equipment with the most votes will be selected, subject to price and installation fees.



Slide



Roundabout



Rocking Horse



Street Board

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Name:.....
 Address:.....

 Choice 1 play equipment: _____
 Choice 2 play equipment: _____
 Please cut out this slip and return it to Ripley Town Council, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3JF BY 31st August 2020. Thank you.



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

Ripley Town Council currently has three Councillor vacancies. These will be filled in May 2021.

Certificate of Merit & Youth Award reminder

There's still time to enter someone you know for the 2020 **Certificate of Merit** or **Youth Award**.

Do you know someone deserving of this recognition for volunteering in their Ripley Township community?

The deadline for applications is:
Certificate of Merit 1st September 2020
Youth Award 23rd October 2020



More details and entry form can be found on the Ripley Town Council website homepage.

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