



Ripley Town Council



August 2021

Welcome to the August 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 presents



Ripley's Big Day Out 2021



Subject to Government guidelines

FREE

Come along to a **FREE** day out at **Midland Railway**
Butterley, Ripley, DE5 3QZ

Wednesday 1st September
10am - 4pm

Board the free train at Butterley Station and it will take you down the track to Swanwick Junction where all this fun is happening!

- FREE Fairground Rides | FREE Beach | FREE Face Painting
- FREE Train Rides | FREE Circus Activities | Magician
- Food Demonstrations | Woodies Wings | Ride on Toys
- Music | Archery | Food & Drink | Info stalls from local groups
- Railway museums open | Service at St. Saviours Church at 3pm
- Appearances from Peter Rabbit, Mickey Mouse, Buzz Lightyear, Skye & Olaf!

Free return shuttle bus from Ripley Market Place to Midland Railway every 15 mins from 10am. Pushchair and wheelchair accessible.
See our website for details



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Ripley's Big Day Out is back!

We are absolutely thrilled to invite you to our Big Day Out at Midland Railway this September. We organise this free event, for YOU, our community.

We have lots of fun in store. Local children will still be off school, so come along to enjoy the recently reopened Midland Railway-Butterley.

All the train rides, activities and entertainment is FREE! Hot and cold food will be available to buy.

We encourage you to either walk to the event or use the free return shuttle bus from Ripley Market Place as parking at the venue is extremely limited. Please see our website for details about timings for the shuttle bus and train journeys.

Please be respectful if parking on streets near to the venue. Do not park over driveways and do not obstruct junctions.

We anticipate many people coming along to the Big Day Out. Please expect to queue to enter the platform and for the activities. Last entry is 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.



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 1986 © 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.



Street's fish and chip shop © 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.



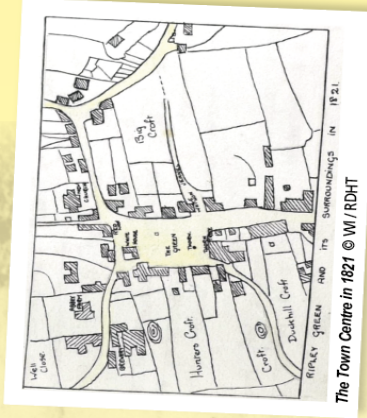
Market Place and Town Hall 1920s picturethepast.org.uk



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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A focus on the history of Ripley Market Place

As reported in our previous newsletter, we will be featuring each of the new information boards which will be erected throughout the Ripley Township. Here's the third one in the series. It is also available to read on the Ripley Town Council website.

Certificate of Merit

Award 2021



Do you know someone in the Ripley Township* 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 organise activities to benefit local people or causes?

Send us your nomination today!

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

Nominate from the home page of www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk or contact Ripley Town Council for a form.



Deadline for applications: 1st September 2021

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

Ripley in Bloom!

We hope you are enjoying the summer planters and hanging baskets that we have installed throughout the Ripley Township. They certainly make the area look vibrant and cheerful!

We are hoping to extend the planting throughout the winter months too.



RIPLEY YOUTH HUB



Ripley Town Council

free, fun
activities for
11-18 year olds



Lead by qualified, DBS checked Youth Workers from **blend** youth project

Wednesdays 5-7pm

AT GREENWICH PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE,
NOTTINGHAM ROAD, RIPLEY

Book your place here...



www.ticketsource.co.uk/ripley-youth-hub-with-blend

Places must be booked beforehand as spaces are limited

More info...

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk/local-services/ripley-youth-hub

Thanks to funding from:



Ripley Youth Hub update

The Ripley Youth Hub was forced to take a break during the lockdowns, but we are pleased to have them back up and running now.

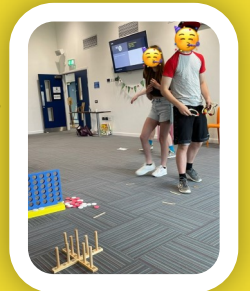


The Youth Hub reopened in June with a capacity of 15 young people plus Youth Workers from Blend in Ripley. We are pleased to see that most weeks, it reaches its full capacity and the young people who attend, have a great time.

Ripley Town Council are looking to work with additional providers in the Township so we can enhance our youth provision to our younger community.

We are also hoping to employ a part time Youth Worker who can lead on producing and leading an exciting and fun youth programme.

Please keep an eye on our social media platforms and website for more information.



Ripley Town Council are thrilled to be able to bring events back to our community this year (subject to Government guidelines, of course and approval from Amber Valley Borough Council!)

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL 

present



SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021
PURE STEEL

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2021
LICK SQUID

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2021
AMBER BAND

MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2021
DOG HAUS

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2021
NEWSTEAD BRASS

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021
NEWHALL BRASS

BANDS ON CROSSLEY PARK RIPLEY

2.30-4.30PM

FREE

VARIOUS DATES THROUGHOUT SUMMER 2021*

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

*Subject to Government Guidelines

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Ripley 

Wool Bombing

22nd August - 12th September 2021



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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RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL 

INVITE YOU TO A

FREE!

OUTDOOR CINEMA

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2021
ENTRY FROM 6.30PM
FILM STARTS AROUND 7.45PM



FREE ADMISSION 

GREASE 

GREENWICH PARK, NOTTINGHAM ROAD, RIPLEY, DE5 3AY

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, BLANKET & PICNIC | FOODS & DRINKS 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

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THIS CHRISTMAS

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Present

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
Friday 26th November 2021 at 6.30pm

RIPLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET
Sunday 5th December 2021
10am - 3pm



WWW.RIPLEYTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Butterley Ironworks Trust update

A crowd-funding appeal on behalf of the Butterley Ironworks Trust (BIT) recently raised over £11,000* and the money is already being put to use.

BIT has appointed the Focus Consultancy to provide the Trust with professional advice, expertise and support. The plan is that this appointment will be a catalyst towards securing a sustainable future for the heritage on the Butterley Ironworks site.

BIT's Chair, Steve Freeborn observed:

There is much still to do. Whilst BIT has got a clear vision for the future, it needs to be financially self-sustaining and that will need co-operation amongst all parties. We are talking with Godkin Holdings and the Aquarius Estates planning consultants, so I am hopeful we will work out a shared way forward.

Amongst ideas being followed up is the provision of a Visitor Centre in one of the original buildings that

remain. There is little doubt any such scheme will be dependent on Heritage Lottery funding of the renovation and reconstruction costs. Focus Consultancy have previously managed other successful heritage lottery applications and the Town Council wish them every success.

A redeveloped Butterley site, especially one with a significant tourist attraction, will not only safeguard the site's heritage it will also provide permanent jobs.

*Includes a £1,000 donation from the Town Council.

Greenwich Park Update

By Ian Fisher

Ripley Town Council would like to keep everyone informed about the current position concerning Greenwich Recreation Ground on Nottingham Road in Ripley.



The recreation ground is actually two pieces of land, some currently owned by Amber Valley Borough Council (approximately the cricket ground) and the rest by a charity known as 'The Ripley Recreation Ground Charity', charity number 520502, (approximately the football pitch, car park and the new buildings).

Although the formal handover of the buildings has been delayed by the Covid pandemic, Ripley Town Council have been appointed as Managing Trustees of the Charity. It is important to know that the Charity Scheme dictates there is no financial benefit to the Town Council because if the Charity's land is no longer required as a recreation ground, any proceeds from sale must be given back to the Coal

Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO).

The Town Council intends to act as Custodian Trustee of the Charity's land and appoint a different charity to manage the day to day operation of the football pitch and buildings. The building will be known as 'Greenwich Community Rooms', with the function room available for hire by the public for meetings, entertainment, parties etc.

Some years ago the football pitch, currently used by the successful Ripley Town Football Club, was re-laid to improve the drainage. Unfortunately this was not successful and drainage is still poor. The Town Council hopes that, subject to funding being available, the football pitch will be replaced by an artificial floodlit pitch to enable everyday use throughout the year by many different clubs and organisations.

Currently, the cricket ground remains in the ownership of Amber Valley Borough Council.

Now that Covid restrictions are being changed, it is expected that the formal handover of the building will take place shortly and that the Town Council will be actively promoting the use of the building and making improvements to the pitches.



Ripley Wild Flowerers

We hope you have noticed that there are several areas of wildflowers appearing around Ripley!

It started with a conversation in the pub about how we wanted to see less mown grass, more wildflowers, and more bees, then it became two people sowing seeds in the dark, then four people writing lists of places we wanted to grow wildflowers and this year has become a Facebook group with over 260 followers!

With the help of donations of money, plants and seeds, alongside a grant from Amber Valley Centre for Voluntary Services, a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers cut turf and sowed the new beds.

They were faithfully watered by some exceedingly kind little helpers, along with their mums. We are now very excited to see beautiful flowers and many bees, butterflies and other insects being drawn to all the sites.

We have lots of plans! We are delighted to have just won £250 of vouchers in a competition run by Natures Path. Futures Housing have been really helpful with advice and are really keen to help develop lots of their sites into natural planted areas, so next year we will have more plots and some new trees, including fruit trees.

We would really love to have a community orchard and community garden and also see more business premises take part in what is becoming a really popular, growing (excuse the pun) national movement. As always, these things can only develop with more volunteers, land and funds. If you would like to be a part of this in any way, please contact us via Facebook (Ripley Wild Flowerers!) In the meantime, enjoy the flowers!



SHOP LOCAL
SH♥P RIPLEY

Ripley Town Centre update

On 16th July 2021, representatives from Ripley Town Council met with several Ripley Town Centre Traders in the Council Chamber at Ripley Town Hall.

It had been over a year since the group last convened due to the pandemic. Ripley Town Council updated the group regarding the new Welcome Back Fund that Amber Valley Borough Council had invited us to become a Delivery Partner for. We are pleased to report that Ripley Town Council have been successful in obtaining £30k from the European Regional Development Fund.

The core objective of the fund is to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and tourism, particularly in high streets. Ripley Town Council will be delivering the following projects throughout the next year:

Promotional Digital Video promoting Ripley Town Centre, Ripley Market, the diverse range of independent shops and eating/drinking establishments in Ripley Town Centre. This will include tourist attractions such as Midland Railway, plans for the former Butterley Ironworks site and Heage Windmill. It will have a focus on a safe, enjoyable shopping experience and the importance of shopping locally.

Deep Clean of the pavements in the Town Centre to remove gum and weeds.

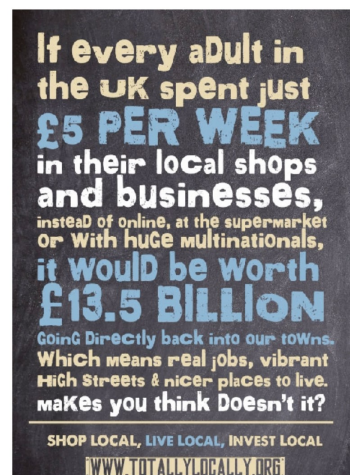
Ripley in Bloom - additional floral displays in the Town Centre and at the entrances to the town, particularly in winter months.

Local business directory - a free publication advertising local businesses and services, which will be delivered to all the 14,500 homes in the Ripley Township. This will promote safe, enjoyable shopping and the importance of shopping locally and supporting local businesses.

Shopping to music - musicians to play around the Town Centre on Saturdays to make the shopping experience an enjoyable and memorable one.

We will keep you updated on our progress.

Food for thought...



Planning for our Future

By Cllr Steve Freeborn

I hope you don't suffer from planning fatigue, but another Local Development Scheme (LDS) was approved by Amber Valley Borough Council on 9th June 2021. You may have missed it, but then it doesn't seem to have been publicised by AVBC – it's the ninth in 17 years!

The LDS is important as it sets out a revised timetable for AVBC to deliver a new Local Plan for the Borough, a Plan set to last until 2038.

June 2021

Approval of alternative spatial strategy options

July-September 2021

Consultation and engagement on alternative spatial strategy options

June 2022

Approval of a Pre-Submission Local Plan

June - July 2022

Publication of the Pre-Submission Local Plan

September 2022

Submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State

December 2022

Examination of the submitted Local Plan

March 2023

Inspector's Report

June 2023

Main Modifications

September 2023

Adoption

You will see that the steps for the adoption of a new Local Plan has started with AVBC consulting about the "Alternative Spatial Strategy Options". It may sound like gobbledy-gook, but the Spatial Strategy to be chosen by AVBC, will be the bedrock of the Local Plan. So, the Spatial Strategy chosen is extremely important - amongst other things, it will effectively sort out whether more Green Belt land is to be lost.

Ripley Town Council believes that there is no need for new housing sites in Ripley and no need for loss of Green Belt land. This is because we know many sites already have planning permission but have not yet been built. In one case, the approval was given in the 1990's and still there is not one house on the site!

Arguably, the biggest housing problem in Ripley is not any lack of executive homes, but the lack of quality social housing available for a reasonable rent.

Further, the Town Council believes sustainability should be at the heart of spatial planning, with travel distances for work minimised. Whatever your views, Ripley Town Council hopes that record numbers of people will respond to the consultations that AVBC will carry out.

The first of these (on Spatial Planning) is underway - the details of this are on our website and social media. Information about the different consultations when they happen will appear on our social media platforms, so please check regularly.

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