



Merry Christmas!

from Ripley Town Council

December 2020

Welcome to the December 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.

Derbyshire Council of the Year...for a second time!

We are thrilled to report that Ripley Town Council have again won the Excellence Award for Derbyshire Council of the Year 2020.

This is the second time we have won this award, organised by DALC (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils). We also achieved it in 2018 and we received the Highly Commended accolade in 2019.

There are over 200 parish and town councils in Derbyshire and we were chosen for organising several widely attended community events during 2019.

Recognition was given for engaging with residents by consulting with you on decisions regarding the budget, play equipment at Cedar Road Playground, film choices for the outdoor cinema and importantly, engaging with young people by providing the Ripley Youth Hub.

Judges were impressed with the support we have given to local groups through grant giving and during difficult times this year, supporting Ripley Salvation Army to help local families in need and providing materials for local volunteers to make scrubs for local hospitals and doctors' surgeries to use. We will continue trying to provide an excellent service to you all.



Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Tony Holmes, Linda McCormick (Town Clerk) & Michelle South (BHIB representative & award sponsor)

Annual Budget Consultation

Ripley Town Council agreed a draft budget for 2021/2022 at their meeting in November.

The planned budget will maintain current services including providing grants for local groups, youth provision, great Christmas lights for the township as well as beautiful floral displays and exciting community events. The proposed budget will see an increase in the annual precept of 10p per week, based on an average Council Tax Band D property.

The draft budget is on our website. Please let us have your comments by 4th January 2021.

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Ripley Town Council give grant to Salvation Army

In October, Ripley Town Council gave a £500 grant to the Salvation Army in Ripley.

Ian Brown from the Ripley Salvation Army explains how the money is being used to support the local community.

'Homelessness, unemployment, low income, zero hour contracts are just some of the issues which are impacting on our community. This generous grant is going to help provide support in many different ways. Whilst children are being catered for in the school environment, we are trying our best to continue giving support in the home environment over the Christmas period by providing food parcels and toys, donated by the community.'

We will continue to support the community on a weekly basis especially where people / families are on zero hour contracts or worked in the hospitality business and not eligible for Government support.

People on limited budgets also have to support their families and we try to help where we can with food parcels.'

Ian added, 'Additionally, we continue to support our friends in the Care in the Community group. These are young adults (16-25yrs) who have been in foster homes or care and are supported whilst making the transition into the community. The group and their clients have a limited budget on which to set up a home and try to find employment.'

We try and help by providing food parcels, household goods (cleaning materials and domestic items), crockery and whatever else we can get hold of. We have already promised Christmas food parcels and other items for distribution to those who are at most risk.'

Christmas parcels ready for distributing to families in 2019



Non perishable food donations can be made to the Salvation Army on Heath Road, Ripley Tuesdays 1-3pm and Fridays 12-2pm. They can be contacted on 01773 741932.

Keeping Ripley Safe

Below are useful websites with current information regarding Coronavirus restrictions and advice for individuals and businesses. If you are isolating and need assistance with getting prescriptions or food, feeling lonely and isolated and would like to have a chat with someone, please contact Derbyshire County Council:

01629 535091

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

www.ambervalley.gov.uk



Contacting your Town Councillor

All contact details for your local Town Councillor can be found here:

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

or you can ring 01773 513456



MEETING DATES

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Our meetings are currently conducted online via Zoom. 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 briefly in the meeting.

Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7pm

Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7pm

Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7pm

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