



Ripley Town Council



Marvellous Martine!

At the recent Ripley Town Council Civic Service, Ripley resident, Martine Roebuck was presented with the Certificate of Merit and bouquet of flowers by the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Roland Emmas-Williams.

Martine is part of the leadership team with Ripley Rogue Runners, a fun, sociable running group based in our town who welcome runners of all abilities and provide a supportive environment for all. They are especially seeking to improve the physical and mental health outlooks for people in the Ripley area.

Martine's nominee said, 'Martine is a fabulously caring person. She has

overcome a number of physical and mental challenges in her life, but always makes time for others. She is always the first to volunteer her time for a variety of events, including the club's regular litter pick around the Ripley area.

Martine is an excellent motivator and frequently shows her empathetic side in supporting lots of different people. She has a passion for improving everyone's mental health and is the club's mental health ambassador, a role which advises on a wide range of issues.

Ripley Town Council congratulate Martine on this achievement. She is a credit to our community.



Martine Roebuck receiving her award from Councillor Roland Emmas-Williams.

Ripley Town Council Annual Budget Consultation

Ripley Town Council agreed a draft budget for 2022/2023 at their meeting in November 2021. We are pleased to report that there will be a **0% increase** in the Ripley Town Council aspect of the Council Tax for this financial period. This is due to the careful management of our finances and a decrease in spending through the Covid pandemic. We will maintain our current services including grants for local groups, youth provision, wonderful Christmas lights and floral displays throughout the Ripley Township. The draft budget is on our website. **We welcome your comments by 3rd Jan 2022.**

Christmas Lights

We hope you are enjoying the Christmas Lights that Ripley Town Council proudly provides each year for the Township. Next year, we are hoping to provide more festive lights in the Township villages too.

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



2021 Remembrance

The Ripley Township came together on Sunday 14 November to unite with the rest of the nation to make sure that no one was forgotten, and honour those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

Ripley Town Council were honoured to have organised the civic parade on behalf of our community, working alongside the Ripley & District Royal British Legion and All Saints' Church in Ripley.

Thank you to everyone who came along to pay their respects.



Newsletter distribution

We are aware that some lucky people who live outside the Ripley Township may receive a copy of our lovely newsletter each time we send one out.

This is due to the way Royal Mail organise the postcodes for our Township, so it may be that residents in Belper who live on the edge of Heage or homes in Codnor on the edge of Waingroves or Ripley may receive our newsletter.

If you are one of these people, we hope you read it with interest and learn about events and news happening outside of your usual community. If you aren't interested, please recycle the newsletter in your recycling bin. There is no need to contact us to let us know you no longer wish to receive it as we are unable to change the way Royal Mail operates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ripley Charter Fair

It was great to welcome the 770th Ripley Charter Fair back to the town this year. Contrary to allegations, Ripley Town Council were not involved with the Fair being situated on the Co-op Car Park. We are aware that some residents in the area of the Co-op were unhappy from the noise and lights from the rides. This matter was dealt with by Amber Valley Borough Council in consultation with The Showman's Guild.

Temporary closure of busy Ripley Hospital ward

Welcome to
Butterley Ward

Ripley Town Council are shocked to have learned that the Butterley Ward at Ripley Hospital has been temporarily closed until March 2022. This ward was built and paid for by money raised through the Ripley Hospital League of Friends (RHLoF). Concerningly, no consultation regarding this closure has taken place with RHLoF nor other local stakeholders.

At a time when the NHS is under so much pressure, with ambulances waiting outside A&E departments, Ripley Town Council finds this alarming that beds are closing. We hear all the time that NHS recruitment is difficult and sadly, the NHS sometimes use this as a justification to close hospitals. We are angry and disappointed that the local public and importantly, the RHLoF did not know anything about the closure of the Butterley Ward until it had already happened.

A spokesperson for Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust said: "Joined Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD) agreed in September to the

temporary move of Butterley Ward to Ilkeston Community Hospital. The decision was taken by the local health system as part of a wider plan to use our collective finite resources – including staffing – to maximum benefit for patients across the local area and in anticipation of growing pressures on NHS services during the winter.

This is a temporary move to get us over the next few months and it will be reviewed by JUCD, of which our trust is a part, when we are through the winter. By bringing the Ilkeston and Ripley wards side by side in a single location we can make the provision of inpatient care more resilient."



At the time of going to print, Ripley Town Council are awaiting a response from Nigel Mills MP (Amber Valley) for more information and reassurances that the Butterley Ward will not be closed permanently.

We will keep our community informed regarding this important local matter via future newsletters, our website and social media.