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Welcome to the February 2024 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.

Spring's just around the corner



Was your New Year's resolution to give something back to our local community, or volunteer to help others? If so, have you considered donating your time to environmental groups in the Ripley Township? Now's the time to get involved!

As nature starts to awaken from the winter, the groups in our area are busy putting their action plans in place for the coming year and they are always on the lookout for more people to join them in their activities.

We are fortunate to have the following groups in our area, who are always eager for more people to join them.

- **Friends of Carr Wood & Hammersmith Meadows**
www.facebook.com/CarrWoodRipley
- **Friends of Heage Community**
friendsofheagecommunity@gmail.com
- **Friends of Ripley Greenway**
Contact Ripley Town Council for details
- **Grow Outside CIC**
www.growoutside.co.uk / 07960 249816

- **Ripley Wild Flowerers**
ripleywildflowerers@outlook.com
- **Waingroves Litter Picking group**
David Williams - 01773 744754
- **Waingroves Community Woodland Trust**
www.waingroveswood.com / 07974 556212

All these groups have the same thing in common - to benefit our local community and help nature thrive. They all hold regular events for members of the community to attend and join in with. Please contact them if you would like more information about how you can get involved.



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OUR PLANS FOR 2024 and beyond



Ripley Town Council

Our priorities

A new year is the perfect opportunity to plan for the future. A municipal (civic council) year runs from the beginning of May to the end of April.

Ripley Town Council has been looking at the needs of our community and what we can do to make the Ripley Township a better place to live in and enjoy.

At our meeting in November 2023, Ripley Town Council committed to investigating the possibility of the following new projects in the township over the coming years:

Consider purchasing woodland for the community to use.

Work in partnership with Amber Valley Borough Council to provide a youth facility in Nether Heage.

Replace the worn-out skate park at Greenwich Community Sports Hub on Nottingham Road in Ripley.

Work with Ripley Town Football Club and the Football Association to build a 3G pitch at Greenwich Community Sports Hub.

Be more involved with Butterley Ironworks Trust in the restoration of the former Butterley Engineering site.

Develop a relationship with the Derwent Connections Scheme, generating electricity from the River Derwent for Heage and Ambergate.

More projects will be included on this list as our vision develops. We continue to provide the following services to our community:

- Floral displays
- Christmas Lights
- Youth initiatives
- Free community events
- Warm Wednesdays (until 6 March 2024)
- Financial grants for local groups
- Garden & Allotment competition
- Certificate of Merit Award
- Cedar Avenue & Porterhouse Road play areas

- Public toilets on Ripley Market Place & in Heage
- Environmental grants
- Litterbins along Ripley Greenway
- Allotments
- Managing Greenwich Community Sports Hub
- Supporting local heritage and local businesses where we can
- Funding Citizen Advice sessions at Ripley Library
- Speed Indicator Devices & introducing Community Speed Watch
- Noticeboards
- Newsletters



DEFIBRILLATORS:

Do you know where your nearest one is?



Defibrillators are used to revive someone from sudden cardiac arrest. They are normally located in workplaces and public spaces like airports, shopping centres, community centres, and train stations. These defibrillators are known as public access defibrillators (PADs) as anyone can use them. The defibrillator or the case it sits in may say 'AED' or 'defibrillator'.

If you need a defibrillator in an emergency, the 999 emergency operator may be able to tell you where one is, so you can ask someone to get it. By performing CPR and using a defibrillator, you'll give someone the best possible chance of survival.

Locations of defibrillators accessible 24 hours a day in the Ripley Township

Please cut this information out and keep it safe in case you need it, but we sincerely hope you don't! Remember, **in an emergency, ring 999.**

Information taken from www.defibfinder.uk and correct at the time of going to print.

AMBERGATE & SAWMILLS

- Ambergate Primary School - Toadmoor Lane
- Derbyshire County Council Depot - Ripley Rd
- Sawmills Village Hall - Ripley Road
- Ridgeway Bus Shelter - Ridgeway Lane

RIPLEY

- AIM Commercial Services - Heage Rd Ind Est
- Amber Valley Gymnastics - Asher Lane
- Beehive Inn - Peasehill Road
- Coop - Derby Road
- Coop - Maple Avenue
- Coop Funeral - Nottingham Road
- Coop Petrol Station - Hartshay Hill
- Critchlows Shop - Heage Road
- Greenwich Community Sports Hub - Nottingham Rd
- Ripley & Alfretton Tennis Club - Heage Road
- Ripley Fire Station - Derby Road
- Ripley Leisure Centre - Derby Road

HEAGE & NETHER HEAGE

- Eagle Tavern - Eagle Street
- Firs Caravan site - Crich Lane
- The Village Hall - School Lane
- Nether Heage Methodist Church - Slack Lane

MAREHAY

- Holly Bush Inn - Brook Street
- Marehay Cricket Club - Warmwells Lane
- Marehay Methodist Church - Warmwells Lane

LOWER HARTSHAY / STREET LANE

- The George Inn - Main Road
- Street Lane Primary School - Street Lane

WAINGROVES

- Methodist Church - Waingroves Rd
- Community Centre - Church Street

Mayor's Message

COUNCILLOR PAUL LOBLEY BEM
MAYOR OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Welcome to the latest Mayors message.

I suppose the first thing I need to do is to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. I know it's a bit late, but this is the first chance I have had to do so.

Life has been a bit hectic for my Consort and I over the Christmas period, as it has for many of you. We had quite a few official engagements to attend and most of them included singing carols and even doing a bible reading. By far the greatest pleasure for my consort and I was meeting so many people who were enjoying the buzz of the Christmas spirit. For some, it was generated by the religious festival, for others it was family time or just a break from work. Whatever was the reason, the Town certainly benefitted from the warmth Christmas generated.

Back in November, I had the honour of representing Ripley Town Council at the Remembrance Parade and service in the town. What a turnout that was. Our community never fail to turn up and pay their respects. Thank you to the Ripley and District Royal British Legion and All Saint's Church in Ripley for working alongside Ripley Town Council to organise this mark of respect for our fallen.



The 2023 Ripley Remembrance Parade through the town centre.



I hope that everyone enjoyed the Town Council's Christmas Market. Ripley Market Place was more packed than ever for the lights switch on and the sight of so many happy faces made all the effort the Town Council team put in to organise and run it all worthwhile. Thank you to all the stall holders and entertainers who attended on the day.

The lights were great again and people came from far and wide just to see them. You may have noticed that I struggled to read my switch-on speech before I put the lights on - that was because it was dark before the button got pressed. With hindsight, perhaps I should have brought a torch along!

One of my personal highlights over the period was being able to present the Town's Certificate of Merit to someone who has made a difference in our local community. This year it went to Kurt Elliott who, along with his wife and friends has raised a huge amount of money for Lauren's Legacy, a charity which provides something extra to young people going through cancer treatment.



Left: Kurt Elliott receiving his Certificate of Merit Award.

We are into 2024 now and the Town Council has quite a few things lined up for you again this year, as you will read in this newsletter. I am pleased to say that Warm Wednesdays are well under way, where we host about 50 people each week at Greenwich Community Sports Hub on Nottingham Road in Ripley.

Whilst the role of Mayor is challenging at times, it is immensely enjoyable to meet so many dedicated people. They are all a huge credit to our local community and deserve our thanks.

Community Matters

Ripley Music Festival URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!

Ripley Music Festival is a registered charity and events are organised by local volunteers. It supports the local music scene and brings a week long festival to the Ripley area each summer.

Without an injection of funds, it is very likely that the Festival will have to be cancelled this year. RMF have reported that the finances are not so good, mainly because of the cost of living crisis.

Cash is needed to ensure the Festival can go ahead with the free outdoor events in Crossley Park. It costs at least £12,000 to stage the event and whilst two thirds of that is funded by Ripley Town Council and regional charities, RMF's organisers have stated that additional donations are needed urgently to bridge the £4,000 funding gap.

If you can help, you can make a donation directly from your bank account via a BACS transfer to:

Account name: Ripley Music Festival
Account Number: 11394568
Sort Code: 40-38-22



Thank you



2024 EVENTS

Here's the current line up of local events for your calendar. Please go along and support them where you can:

Sunday 19 May - 10am - 3pm
Ripley Spring Market*
Market Place, Ripley

Sunday 9 June - 2pm - 6.30pm
Ripley Outdoor Cinema (2 x films TBC)
Crossley Park, Ripley

Sundays 23 June, 7 & 21 July, 4 & 18 August, 1 September - 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Music on Crossley Park

12, 13 & 14 July 2024
Ripley Music Festival
Crossley Park, Ripley

Saturday 20 July - from midday
Ambergate Carnival
Ambergate Recreation Ground

Saturday 7 September 2024 - from midday
Marehay Show
Marehay Park

13, 14 & 15 September 2024
Waingroves Show
Various locations in Waingroves

Sunday 10th November
10.30am - Midday
Ripley Remembrance Parade & Service
Town Centre / All Saint's Church

Sunday 24 November - Midday - 6.30pm
Ripley Christmas Market &
Christmas Lights Switch on*
Ripley Market Place

*Subject to approval from Amber Valley Borough Council

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LOCAL **Ripley**

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Please support local businesses

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Community Matters

Ripley Town Council Best Kept Garden & Allotment Competition 2024

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1st Prize - £50 Co-op voucher
2nd Prize - £25 Co-op voucher

Do you have a garden,
allotment, school
garden, community
space or business floral
display that you are proud of?



Enter now!

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Entry deadline: Sunday 30 June 2024

Judging for schools will take place on Wed 3 July 2024
Judging for other categories will be on Sat 20 July 2024

This competition is open to all residents, businesses and schools in the Ripley Township including Ambergate, Bullbridge, Hammersmith, Heage, Lower Hartshay, Upper Hartshay, Marehay, Nether Heage, Ridgeway, Sawmills, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay and Waingroves.

Come along to our weekly *Warm Wednesdays*

10am - 2pm

Each Wednesday until 6th March 2024

**Greenwich Community Sports Hub
Nottingham Road, Ripley, DE5 3AY**

FREE lunch and FREE drinks

FREE activities, games, music, TV, bring a book, bring your laptop / tablet and sign in to our free WIFI, bring your knitting, your crafts, or your hobbies along!

All ages welcome, including children with their carer.

**Turn off the heating in your home on a Wednesday and
come and spend the day in our warm hub.**

Disabled access Baby changing facilities Free car parking

Warm Wednesdays are supported by Ripley Town Council, the Mayor of Ripley's Fund, the Members Community Leadership Fund at Derbyshire County Council, Rotary Amber Valley, NAVCA and Foundation Derbyshire

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01773 513456



The Greenhillocks Fellowship

Founded 1973



Are you tired of staring at four walls?

Are you looking for a place to go and meet with people of a similar age?

Are you looking for new interests? Then why not come along and join us at the Greenhillocks Fellowships, held each Wednesday afternoon at 2pm at Ripley Methodist Church, Wood Street, Ripley.

We are a very friendly group and make new members welcome.

Come and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit and be entertained by some of the best singers, musicians and speakers for miles around.

Have we interested you yet?

We have regular outings to the coast and other places of interest and other social activities including Christmas dinner with entertainment afterwards.

We try to find something to please everyone, and all this for just two pounds a week. The only thing we ask of you is that you are fifty years young or older, and that you are young at heart like us.

The Fellowship has no affiliation to any political party or religion.

If you need any more information please ring 01773 423854

Otherwise, please feel free to call in and give us a try.



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If you have a problem, Citizens Advice is here for you.

Our Outreach Adviser can help you find solutions.

Our advice sessions are available at:

Ripley Library on Monday mornings.

To book an appointment call our
freephone Adviceline on **0808 278 7954.**

Funded by Ripley Town Council.



For urgent advice call our
freephone Adviceline

0808 278 7954

Open Monday to Friday,
9am to 4pm

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Districts



Community Matters

Waingroves Community Association

Waingroves Litter Pick

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

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

Saturday 16th March 2024
Saturday 13th April 2024
Saturday 18th May 2024
Saturday 22nd June 2024
Saturday 20th July 2024
Saturday 17th August 2024

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



Heage Village Litter Pick



Regular litter pickup

Now Started

Come And Join Us ...

1st Saturday of every month
(Unless there's snow on the ground)

Outside The Eagle Tavern 10:00

Pick for an hour

Finish at the St Luke's church for ...

Free Tea & Cake



Equipment Donated By
Ripley Town Council

Working To Improve Our Public Spaces

Come and have a Cuppa with a Copper



Ripley Town Council work alongside the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team to host regular Cuppa with a Copper events at our office on Grosvenor Road, Ripley.

It is a great opportunity for members of our community to come and have an informal chat over a cuppa, with Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Police Constables, about local crime issues.

The dates and time of these meetings are advertised on the Ripley Town Council Facebook page and in the window of our office, or you can give us a call on 01773 513456 to find out when the next session is.



NEUROHUB
NEURODIVERGENCE THRIVES HERE



Phone/Online Only Sessions:
Monday -Thursday 15:30 - 18:30

Bookable in-person sessions (at address below):
Every Friday 10:00 - 13:00
Every other Saturday 10:00 - 16:00

Contact: 07510 928 349

Email: neurohub@derbyshireautismservices.org
www.derbyshireautismservices.org
Unit 3a Unicorn Business Park
Wellington Street, Ripley, DE5 3EH

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 20th February 2024 at 7pm

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7pm

Tuesday 21st May 2024
Annual Assembly - 6.45pm
Full Council - 7pm



Hire Greenwich

Ripley
Recreation Ground
Charity

Community Sports Hub

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

Facilities:

Capacity - 50-80 seated depending on table layout for dinners, buffets, conferences, courses or meetings

Large screen TV

Projector and screen

Car parking for 50 cars

Bar

Kitchen

Ladies, gents and disabled toilet

Hire by the hour

For more information and to book, contact
Ripley Town Council:

Tel: 01773 513456

Email: admin@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Nottingham Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3AY

Services available at Ripley Hospital

- Community Therapists
- District Nurses
- Health Visitors
- Healthy Child Team
- Hotel services
- Medical Records
- Outpatients
- Urgent Treatment Centre and X-Ray open daily, 8am - 8pm
- Occupational Therapy
- Community Paediatrician
- Phlebotomy
- Physiotherapy
- Neurotherapy
- Podiatry
- Inpatient ward (Butterley Ward)
- Inpatient Therapy

Sandham Lane, Ripley, DE5 3HE

Tel: 01773 743456

Non emergency, visit 111.nhs.uk or call 111
In an emergency, call 999



RIPLEY TOWN COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

BHIB Derbyshire Council of the Year 2020 & 2018 & Highly Commended 2019, 2022 & 2023

AMBERGATE WARD

Cllr. Colin Bailey | 07470 076394 (Lab)
Cllr. Nigel Weaving | 01773 856375 (Lab)
Cllr. Phyllis 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. Matt Allwood | 07426 027184 (Lab)
Cllr. Roland Emmas-Williams | 01773 746543 (Lab)
Cllr. Matt Jones | 01773 742225 (Lab)
Cllr. Axl Nicholls | 07397 161905 (Lab)

ELMS WARD

Cllr. Kevin Smith | 01773 745019 (Lab)
Cllr. Khesta Somers | 01773 745019 (Lab)

HEAGE WARD

Cllr. Amina Burslem | 07592 901864 (Lab)
Cllr. Paul Lobley | 01773 856874 (Lab)
Cllr. Angela Ward | 07757 724648 (Con)

MAREHAY WARD

Cllr. Mick Wilson | 01773 772712 (Lab)

NORTH WARD

Cllr. Sean Carter | 01773 741600 (Con)
Cllr. Paul Moss | 01773 748827 (Con)

PEASEHILL WARD

Cllr. Martin Hawkins | 07790 552881 (Lab)

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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Mon - Fri
10am - 3pm



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