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Welcome to 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 toward a more fairly shared society seeking to strengthen opportunities for all in education, health, housing, employment, transport, leisure and culture.

Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Review Underway

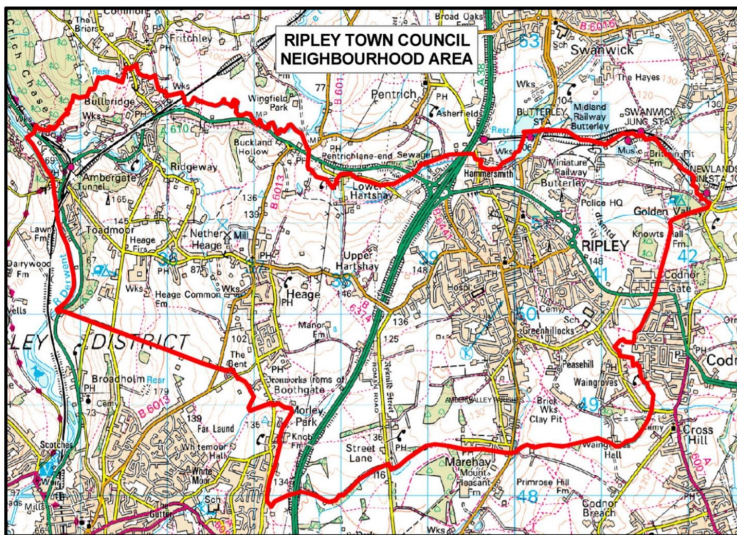
The Ripley Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) has been in place since only 2014 but the Town Council has decided that it's time for it to be reviewed if the Plan is to continue to have real meaning.

Cllr Steve Freeborn said, 'Cutting a long story short, three things have come along at the same time. Firstly, the Government issued a Ministerial Statement instructing Planning Authorities how they

might reduce the impact of a Neighbourhood Plan if it's more than 2 years old. Secondly, Amber Valley have just announced proposed changes to the Green Belt for its much-delayed Local Plan (and any changes in Ripley would supersede what's in the Plan). Thirdly, the Town Council has recently developed extensive environmental policies and we wish to see certain standards required in all new build projects (for example, all paving to be permeable)'.

It will take about a year to carry out the review and then a further six months or so whilst the proposed new Plan is reviewed by an Independent Examiner, before going to a local referendum for you to have the last say.

Look out for news of how you can get involved in the review in future newsletters and on our notice boards.



Ripley Town Councillors

Ripley Town Council is currently a Labour controlled council. All 21 councillors hold their position on a voluntary basis and do not receive payment for their role on Ripley Town Council.



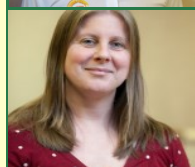
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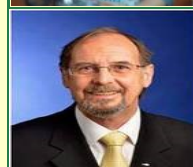
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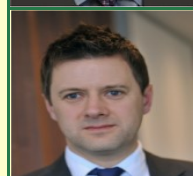
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Greenwich Park opening nears

The new community and sports pavilion building at Greenwich Park is nearing completion! The building of the new 'home' for Butterley United Cricket Club and Ripley Town Football Club has been delayed a little to resolve a construction issue, but it is on track to be open by Easter, if not before.



The new community facility at Greenwich Park

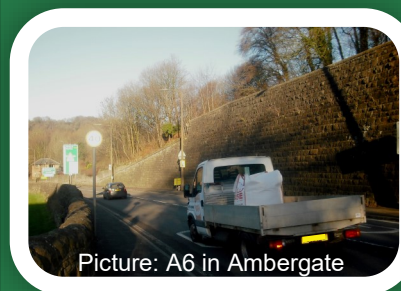
The cricket and football club have joined forces with Ripley Running Club and formed the Greenwich Park Sports Partnership (GPSP) which will manage and maintain the buildings. As well as generating income from match fees etc, GPSP are looking to hire out a community room that's big enough for 80 – 100 people sat at tables. This space will 'double-up' as a club room for the sports clubs but it will be available to hire for day time and (some) evening use.

The project is funded mostly by the Amber Valley Borough and Ripley Town Councils but with a £50,000 contribution from the English Cricket Board too.

Ambergate needs a Pelican Crossing

At the recent Town Council meeting local members Cllr Christine Worth and Cllr Nigel Weaving raised the need for a pelican crossing across the A6 near to the cricket ground and bottom of Newbridge Rd.

The A6 is a very busy road with fast flowing traffic and school children cross the road here to go for PE lessons. In addition, the only public toilets in Ambergate, for example for rail users and walkers using public footpaths, are behind the petrol station.



Picture: A6 in Ambergate

Ripley Town Council is pleased to support a petition calling for a crossing and will be pursuing the relevant authorities in the near future.

Ripley Town Council meeting dates:

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.
19th February 2019, 19th March 2019, 16th April 2019
Annual Assembly 21st May 2019 - 6.45pm
Annual Meeting 21st May 2019 - 7.00pm

New seesaw for local park

Ripley Town Council has recently installed a new seesaw for children to play on at the park on Cedar Avenue in Ripley.

The new equipment has replaced a trampoline that was there which was unfortunately damaged.

Cllr Ian Fisher, Deputy Leader of Ripley Town Council said, 'Many children will enjoy playing on this new seesaw. It's colourful and sturdy and we hope it will be enjoyed for many years to come'.



Picture: Cllr Ian Fisher with children at Cedar Avenue Park

Ripley Town Council also manage the play area on Porterhouse Road in the town. Regular inspections are carried out to ensure that the equipment on both play areas are safe and fit for purpose.

Food Bank Appeal

It seems crazy yet despite being the 6th richest nation in the world, food banks are needed in Britain today to make sure that all people can have enough to eat.

We have a food bank in the Ripley Township – it's run by the Salvation Army from their Heath Road (Ripley) premises. We can all hope that a time will come soon when we no longer need a food bank, but until then the Town Council hopes that local people will continue to give help.

Donations of food can be made via your local church or chapel, or many supermarkets have collection boxes, or you can go straight to the Salvation Army on Friday mornings. Families need:

Cereal	Dried Pasta	Fruit	Sauces
Juices	Tinned Food	Sugar	Biscuits
Tea	UHT Milk	Toiletries	Rice

Anything you can donate will be appreciated.



People living in Ripley have free help and advice on hand with the weekly Citizens Advice outreach service in the town. Ripley Library is the home for the Monday morning service which is operated by Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts and funded by Ripley Town Council. You need an appointment to go and you can get this by calling 01629 532982.

Last year Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts helped more than 3,400 people in Amber Valley dealing with 18,500 problems. More than £4m was secured in benefits and grants that people were entitled to but not claiming. Advisers also helped residents tackle more than £2.8m of debt.

Universal Credit has already been 'rolled out' in Ripley, increasing poverty and hardship for local people.

Universal Credit is made up of a basic allowance plus different elements for things like housing costs, bringing up children, caring or sickness and disability. It is paid monthly in arrears, so you'll have to wait one calendar month from the date you submitted your application before your first UC payment is made. This is called your assessment period. You then have to wait up to seven days for the payment to reach your bank account. This means it can take up to five weeks before you get your first payment.



Ripley Library, Grosvenor Road

This five week period is often very difficult for claimants with little money – how many of us would cope if there is no money coming in for five weeks? This is why Ripley Town Council is pleased to help provide the advice given in Ripley Library every week.

Dates for your diary



Sunday 19th May 2019
10am - 4pm



Wed 10th July 2019
10am - 4pm



Sun 22nd September 2019
10am - 4pm



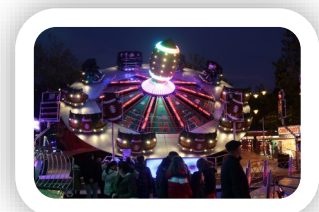
Fri 29th Nov at 6.30pm
& Sun 1st Dec 2019,
10am - 4pm



Ripley Town Council will be providing bands on Crossley Park throughout the summer. Dates to be announced.



6th - 14th July 2019



Ripley's 768th Charter Fair
23rd - 28th October 2019



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