



# Ripley Town Council



February 2020

Welcome to the February 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 Lit Up

Thank you to all members of the community who came along to the Ripley Christmas Light Switch on and Carol Service on Friday 29th November 2019.

Large crowds came together to enjoy the evening. Thank you to Rev. John Wigram from All Saint's Church in Ripley for leading the carol service and to the brilliant Newstead Brass for the wonderful music. Elsa and Olaf from Frozen went around the Market Place, having their photo taken with the kids (and big kids). Also, thank you to Ripley Lions for organising Father Christmas to come along and give out gifts to the children which were provided by Ripley Town Council, and to Amber Sound FM for the music and commentary live on air. Sunday 1st December 2019 was the Ripley Family



Christmas Market. We had a Ferris wheel which was free for all to ride on. Special thanks go to Ripley resident,

100 year old Dorothy Jessop for being the Mayor of Ripley's guest and having the first ride with him on the Ferris wheel.

Children enjoyed free rides and seeing Woody and Buzz from Toy Story, then later the naughty Elf on the Shelf made an appearance, playing tricks on people. Thank you to Amber Valley Rotary Club for bringing Father Christmas along on his sleigh. The children loved talking to him and having their photo taken.

We would like to thank all the entertainers and the stall holders for coming along on the day and to all the people who purchased items from the market, making the stall holders day a success.

### Council Tax 2020 / 2021

Ripley Town Council have agreed the budget for 2020 / 2021. The budget will maintain current services and help replenish reserves following the spending on the community facility at Greenwich Park in Ripley.

The budget will see an increase in the Ripley Town Council element of Council Tax of £0.10 per week, based on the average Council Tax Band D property.

We will continue to provide the following services to our local community:

- Ripley Youth Hub · Citizens Advice · Christmas Lights · Allotments · Hanging baskets & planters · Supporting local groups with grants · Free community events · Two play areas · Public toilets · Environmental initiatives ·

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# How Ripley Town Council grants are helping the community

Each year, Ripley Town Council give grants to local groups in the township to help with their community activities. Here is a small snapshot of some of the groups who have benefitted from a grant in the past year.

## Marehay Cricket Club

We gave: £750 to train and pay coaches at all levels.



## Ripley Music Festival

We gave: £3000 which went towards putting the wonderful musical events on for the local community.



## Ripley Morris

We gave: £100 for them to use for publicising their group and recruiting new members and for new kit.



## Waingroves Well Dressing

We gave: £200 to buy materials for the well dressing and repair the frames for the well dressings.



## Waingroves Community Association

We gave: £100 to help towards redecorating the kitchen in the community centre.



## B.E.A.R.S Breastfeeding

We gave: £100 to help fund promotional materials so they could promote breastfeeding within the local community.



## Amber Valley Movie Makers

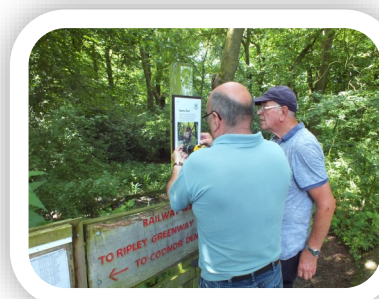
We gave: £100 for the group to buy equipment.

The group said, 'Ripley Town Council have been invaluable to us in helping to keep our Club going'.



## Waingroves Community Woodland Trust

We gave: £200 which was used to install 18 Nature Trail signs around the woodland.



## Ripley & District Heritage Trust

We gave: £200 which helped towards hosting their first Heritage Day at Greenwich Community Centre in 2019. Many people attended and shared stories about Ripley over the years.



**More groups that we have given grants to can be found on our website and will feature in future newsletters.**

## Apply for a grant now!

Download a grant application form from our website home page [www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

You can call in to our office to collect a form or call 01773 513456 or email [deptyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deptyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk) to request one.

Deadline for applications is **1st May 2020.**

Your group has to be based in the Ripley Township and have a bank account for your application to be considered.

# New paths for you to enjoy your brooks

You'll know from previous newsletters that Ripley Town Council are working with Trent Rivers Trust by financially supporting their project in our community. Their aim is to bring local businesses, communities and organisations together to make our brooks cleaner, more enjoyable and richer in wildlife.

They have been working in Ripley with the Friends of Carr Wood, Rethink Mental Health, Derbyshire Autism Services, the Friends of Ripley Greenway and Groundwork.

In Carr Wood you'll see a new informal path, which has been christened 'Lakeside Boulevard' along the lake and the little brook. There are plans to make some steps soon on Ripley Greenway near Marehay, to help get down to a lovely stretch of brook and we hope to cover this path with wood chippings.



river-friendly ethos in their business and support other organisations.

Representatives from the firms accepted their accolade – and a River-Friendly Business plaque at a ceremony held at The Post Mill Centre in South Normanton, Derbyshire, late last year.

Rebecca Dilks of Ferrero commented: "Working with the Trent Rivers Trust has not only

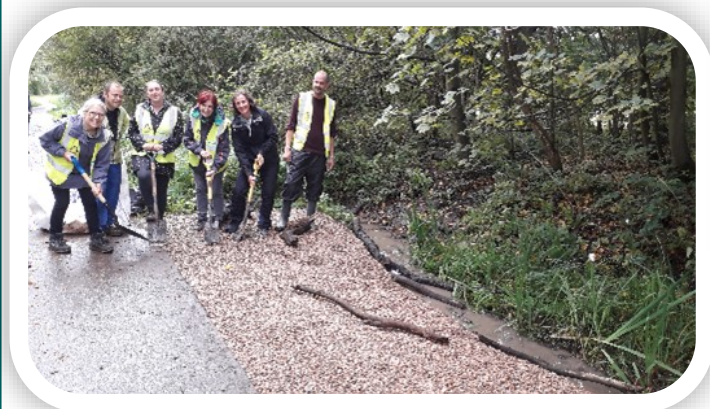
given us a real drive, focus and motivation to improve our local environment for both people and wildlife alike, but it has also been a real pleasure to build new and lasting relationships with other like-minded local businesses."



*Ripley Mayor, Councillor Tony Holmes presented Brook Champion Awards to people who took part in these improvements. Several also gained environmental awards called John Muir Awards.*

Julie Wozniczka, who runs the River-Friendly Business Project and is Senior Project Manager at Trent Rivers Trust, said: 'It's vital that businesses of all sizes take part and so we're delighted that we now have companies taking part that range in size from nine staff to more than 1,000. Together they are not only making a real difference to the local environment but are inspiring others to get involved.'

**If you'd like to take part in any of the Trent River Trust activities in our local area, please get in touch with Julie on 07827 667888 or contact Ripley Town Council.**



*Volunteers with the mini-wetland close to Peasehill Road on Ripley Greenway.*

Trent Rivers Trust are also working with partners to create a Coppice Brook walk linking Ripley and Belper, following the course of this brook which starts near the Sir Barnes Wallis pub on Maple Avenue in Ripley.

## Brook Champions and River-Friendly Businesses

In 2019, ten companies which together employ more than 2,000 staff within The River Starts Here project area, have officially become River-Friendly Businesses.

Bronze award winners make staff aware of the campaign and identify steps they can take. Silver winners carry out actions. Gold winners embed a

**Ripley and our surrounding villages have many wonderful, independently run shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes. Please use them. Let's grow our community by buying locally from smaller businesses.**

Reasons to shop locally:

1. Strengthen our local economy
2. Reduce the impact of climate change
3. Creates more jobs locally
4. You receive a better service
5. It encourages local prosperity
6. You're supporting someone's dream



Over the coming months, Ripley Town Council will be inviting traders in Ripley Town Centre to join us to discuss ways in which we can increase visitors to the Town Centre.

**Let's make it a habit to shop, eat and drink in the Ripley township and support our amazing independent businesses.**



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## Full Council meeting dates

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on the following Tuesdays:

**18 February 2020**

**17 March 2020**

**21 April 2020**

**19 May 2020**

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