



February 2021

Welcome to the February 2021 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.

## We asked, you answered and we delivered!

Last year, we held a public consultation through our newsletter, website and social media channels, asking you what new equipment you would like to see at Cedar Avenue play area in Ripley.

We are thrilled to report that the new see-saw and slide has been installed and used many times by the young people in our community.

Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Tony Holmes (pictured) said, 'It is great to see the excitement of young people using this popular play area. Ripley Town Council pride ourselves in consulting with our community and listening to what you want. We hope this new equipment brings a sense of fun and adventure to our young members of the community for many years'.



Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Tony Holmes with the new play equipment at Cedar Avenue play area.



# A guide to our Town, Borough & County Councils responsibilities

We have three tiers of local government in our area, all with different responsibilities. As two of these Councils are based in Ripley, residents often get confused as to who provides certain services. To save your time, please take note of the information below.



## Ripley Town Council

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### Our Responsibilities:



#### Community events:

Spring Market & Well Dressing, Wool Bombing, Ripley Big Day Out, Bands on Crossley Park, Outdoor Cinema, Christmas Light Switch On, Christmas Market



#### Public Toilets

Ripley Market Place & Heage



#### Play Areas

Porterhouse Road & Cedar Avenue



#### Environment

Action Plan & Grants

#### Ripley Neighbourhood Plan



#### Hanging baskets



#### Allotments

Heage Road, Ripley  
Greenhillocks, Ripley  
Sandham Lane, Ripley  
Fearn Ave / Pit Lane, Ripley  
Heage Parkside



#### Financial Grants

for local groups



#### Litter Bins

on Ripley Greenway



#### Town Guidebook &

Heritage Information Boards

#### Christmas Lights



## Amber Valley Borough Council

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## Derbyshire County Council

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### Their responsibilities:

Council Tax / Business Rates enquiries & payments  
Refuse and recycling collections  
Registrations on behalf of DCC (births, deaths, marriages)  
Pay & Display car parks  
Planning Applications  
Grit Bins  
Housing Benefit  
Licencing  
Markets  
Parks  
Ripley Cemetery  
Community Safety & Anti Social Behaviour  
Pollution, street care & cleaning, litter, weeds, graffiti, abandoned vehicles



Elections  
Trees / hedges  
Pest / dog control

### Their responsibilities:

Adult Social Care  
Children's Services  
Commissioning, communities & policy  
Economy  
Environment  
Leisure & culture  
Education & Learning  
Community & living  
Transport & roads  
Trusted Trader  
Blue Badge Scheme





Support local businesses

SHOP RIPLEY

SHOP SAFE

HANDS - FACE - SPACE



## Community Speed Watch Volunteers needed

Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team are looking for volunteers to assist them in monitoring speeding traffic in the Ripley area. If you are interested, please contact PSCO George Howe on 101 or for info, <http://bit.ly/38ID0Am>

## Lockdown #3

At the time of going to print, we are in the midst of a third Lockdown.

Please continue to follow government guidelines and advice. We all know the drill: wash your hands, cover your face when in indoor public areas and socially distance.

The vaccinations are well underway now. Hopefully later this year, we will be able to come together, safely as a community.

Please stay safe ❤️



## Oxford Street barrier update

At the meeting of Ripley Town Council in November 2020, it was reported to us from a representative of Derbyshire County Council that, as a matter of urgency, the barriers at the top and bottom of Oxford Street in Ripley were going to be replaced. Unfortunately this still has not happened. We hope to give you a more positive update in our next newsletter.

Information is correct at the time of going to print.

# River Starts Here Project update



We hope you've been enjoying being able to wander along Ripley Greenway without the huge puddles getting in the way between Peasehill Road and Marehay!

In November 2020 we spent a week creating two small meanders in the small stream to drain the puddles. Close by, we took the water into shallow hollows called swales which lead slowly back towards the stream, and created habitat banks for butterflies and other wildlife. Sometimes these swales will be wet and other times dry. Flowers, insects and frogs like this sort of place. In spring we hope to add wild flowers – and you and your family are welcome to help (Covid permitting).

We were hoping to replace two unofficial crossings made of half bricks with bridges made from sleepers to make the stream flow better, look better and keep feet dry, but volunteers could not do this safely in 2020. We hope to do it in 2021.

We were lucky to have some additional people power from a small group (Covid safe) of young people who attend Derbyshire Adult and Community Education Service. They helped us to repair a badly eroded bank with brushwood bundles called 'faggots', backfilling with earth and gravel. These simple wooden bundles of sticks are held in with stakes and do an amazing job of preventing the banks from eroding.

Taken together, the stream, these meanders and swales will form a network which will help wildlife here and downstream. So instead of being a problem, the water will sustain wildlife.

We have worked closely with Derbyshire County Council who own the land and the Friends of Ripley Greenway, and the Town Council have supported us too.

Would you like to get involved in some wild flower planting in Spring 2021? Drop me an email and I will add you to our list: [gail@trentriverstrust.org](mailto:gail@trentriverstrust.org)



Showing before and after our work – the paths is no longer flooded!



One of the mini meanders

Bank created by DACES



The Swale



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# New Year Honour for Ripley Town Councillor

We are thrilled to announce that the former Mayor of Ripley and current Town Councillor, Paul Lobley has been awarded a BEM in the New Year's Honours List.

This award, the BEM is in recognition of his services to the community in Derbyshire.

Councillor Lobley, who lives in Heage with his family, has an extensive background in the voluntary sector. He has previously volunteered for 10 years with Ripley based charity, Derbyshire Carers Association and

many local groups including St. Luke's Church in

Heage, Babington Hospital League of Friends, Heage Speed Watch, Heage Primary School, Heage Cubs and Leonard Cheshire Eastern Region, to name a few.

Councillor Lobley said, "I was greatly humbled to have been put forward for an honour. Over the years, I have worked alongside groups of amazing people who have generously given their time for the benefit of others. The medal will serve to remind me that I have had the privilege of being just one small cog in that huge selfless machine supporting our community."



Pictured - Cllr Paul Lobley BEM

## Proposed dates for Ripley Town Council events in 2021

At the time of writing this, we do not know if any of our events will take place as Government guidelines may change. Our Events Committee will be meeting regularly to discuss our events programme. In the mean time, please pencil these on to your calendar and we will update you via our newsletters, website and social media:

Spring Market & Well Dressing - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Community Wool Bombing - 16<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Big Day Out at Midland Railway - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Bands on Crossley Park - June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July, August 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

Outdoor Cinema - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Christmas Light Switch on - 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

Christmas Market - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021



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(Lab)

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#### North Ward

Cllr P. Moss | 01773 748827 (Con)

#### Waingroves Ward

Cllr. D. Williams | 01773 744754 (Lab)

The postal and email address for each Councillor can be found on the Ripley Town Council website.

### Please respect our town and surrounding villages

Please use litter bins to place your rubbish in. If the bin is full, please take your litter home to dispose of.

Thank you.



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