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Welcome to the first 2019 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 toward a more fairly shared society seeking to strengthen opportunities for all in education, health, housing, employment, transport, leisure and culture.

Ripley Celebrates

The Ripley community turned out in record numbers to celebrate the switching on of the 2018 Christmas Lights and the Ripley Christmas Market.

Ripley Town Council would like to thank everyone that came along to the official Christmas Light Switch on back in November. It was a marvellous evening, filled with lots of community spirit.

Children waited in anticipation for Father Christmas to arrive and they weren't disappointed. He greeted them in his grotto and gave out free Christmas stockings courtesy of Ripley Town Council.

Councillors gave out free glow sticks to youngsters which illuminated Ripley Market Place even before the lights were switched on. Free rides were also available for little thrill-seekers.

The Christmas lights are a major expenditure for Ripley Town Council and we are proud to be able to organise and deliver this event to the local community, to enjoy totally free of charge. One local resident contacted us to

say that he travels the country and the Ripley Christmas lights are the 'best he's seen'.

It was also an excellent turnout for the Ripley



Family Christmas Market on Sunday 2nd December 2018. There were free rides for children and Ripley's first ever skating rink which was also free to enjoy.

Thank you for coming along to enjoy the day with us.



Promise delivered

Ripley Town Council is pleased to announce that following public consultation, it agreed on 15th January 2019 to accept the Finance and Management Committee proposal to freeze the Council's precept for the 2019/ 2020 year.

The Council's budget continues to provide for substantial grants to local communities, celebrations like the Big Day Out and seasonal markets while beginning to replenish some of the reserves used to help fund the Greenwich Park development.

This decision means that as far as residents of the Town and it's surrounding villages are concerned, the Town Council element of Council Tax bills will not change.

Environment and climate change - the need to save ourselves

by Cllr. Steve Freeborn - Leader of Ripley Town Council

Some people still deny that the earth is getting warmer because of human actions, putting carbon into the atmosphere. However, I'm sure that most people believe there's a major problem, and that something needs to be done. Some people might be waiting for government and big businesses to start taking radical action, to change the way we live. But I think that everyone and every organisation – no matter how small - can and should be doing something now. Every action we take to reduce our carbon footprint is a step in the right direction, no matter how small.

Ripley Town Council (RTC) is the only town or parish council in Derbyshire to have an Environment Policy backed up by a detailed Action Plan. It details many



environmental problems and tries to set out practical things the council can do. Many of these depend on developing partnerships and co-working, so it is great to announce a good start.

The Greggs Foundation has awarded a grant of £30,000 a year for 3 years to a project that is being part-funded - and actively supported - by Ripley Town Council. It will be managed by the Trent Rivers Trust and "The River Starts Here" project aims to make a lasting improvement to water quality in the becks and brooks that rise in the township.

There are many aspects of the project and the Town Council will publish a special edition of the newsletter in a few weeks' time to give full details and let you know what you can do to help.

Our Environmental Action Plan can be viewed on our website:

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk/what-we-do or you can pick up a copy from our office on Grosvenor Road.

Environment Grant supports Bullbridge and Sawmills clean up

Ripley Town Council have presented Bullbridge and Sawmills Area Civic Society (BASA) with litter picking equipment to enable them to hold regular clean ups in their community.



Mayor of Ripley, Cllr Paul Lobley presented BASA Secretary, Gill Hirst with high visibility vests, refuse bags, holders and litter pickers at the Ripley Town Council Office on Grosvenor Road in Ripley.

The equipment was funded through Ripley Town Council's Environment Grant.

Gill Hirst said, 'The Bullbridge and Sawmills Area Civic Society are delighted with the donation of litter picking equipment from Ripley Town Council. This means that we can now set up work parties of volunteer litter pickers and make our attractive part of Derbyshire an even better place to live. We will be litter picking in Ladygrove, Sawmills, Bullbridge, Riversdale and Ridgeway as well as footpaths and the canal towpath and welcome anyone who would like to join us'.

To find out more about the planned litter picks, email bullandsaw@outlook.com or visit www.bullandsaw.co.uk

Ripley Town Council would urge more local community groups to access our Environmental Awards Grant so you too can improve your local environment. Please get in touch for more information.

Advertise your local event with us

We have a noticeboard in the window of our office on Grosvenor Road in Ripley which many people who are walking past, stop and look at.

If you are a local group, charity or organisation and you have events coming up in the near future within the Ripley Township (Ripley, Marehay, Waingroves, Heage, Nether Heage, Ambergate, Street Lane, Sawmills, Bullbridge, Lower Hartshay), please bring in a poster for us to display and help your event get noticed.

Alternatively, you email it to us to promote on our social media pages and on the Ripley Town Council website. Please send it to:

deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Dates for your 2019 diary

The events organised by Ripley Town Council have become an important part of the Town's year. Many thousands of people look forward to attending them and enjoy the activities.

At the moment we cannot confirm all the exciting plans we have, but we wanted to let you know the dates so that you can plan your year.

Spring market and Well Dressing – on May 19th 2019, we unveil the well dressing at the Old Town Hall and hold a Spring Market. There will be many stalls together with attractions such as children's fairground rides, entertainers and live music.



Ripley's Big Day Out – a free day at the Midland Railway - Butterley must be the best local summer attraction. We aim the morning at toddlers, the afternoon for those with a few more years under the belt. Free train rides, access to museums, model railways, the Church Service and this year another surprise attraction to be announced. This is all on July 10th.

The Harvest Market is an event based on local food. There will be over 30 stalls and many attractions to entertain everyone. This is on September 22nd.

The most anticipated weekend of Ripley's year is the **Christmas weekend**, this year on November 29th, 30th and December 1st. On Friday we switch on the Christmas lights, Ripley Town Council's biggest expenditure of the year. Santa comes along and there is a traditional Carol service. Brass bands play around the Town on Saturday and on Sunday we hold our Christmas Market. Here we have Christmas themed entertainment and more than 30 market stalls. This year there will be a major new fairground ride that we will be announcing later in the year.



Sunday 19th May 2019
10am - 4pm



Wed 10th July 2019
10am - 4pm



Sunday 22nd September 2019
10am - 4pm



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

Ripley to be wool bombed!

Ripley Town Council are looking for local schools, nurseries, craft groups, Scouts and Guides, individuals and businesses to come together to 'wool bomb' Ripley Market Place and Crossley Park this May.

Wool bombing is when you cover objects or structures, in this case, trees in Ripley, with decorative knitted or crocheted materials as a form of street art. We would like to encourage schools and groups within the wider Ripley Township to take part and wool bomb their local community too.

The wool bombs will be officially opened at the Ripley Spring Festival on Sunday 19th May 2019 and will continue until 3rd June, after the spring half-term break.



We are looking for schools, groups or individuals to knit/crochet animals, insects,

flowers, pom-poms and scarves to be placed on the trees. They don't have to be perfect, just colourful!

Ripley Town Council are working alongside Ripley St. John's School



to lead the project. Deputy Town Clerk, Hannah Curzon said, 'It is great to be working with local schools and groups to bring some vibrancy and fun to the town this spring. Young people will be learning new skills like knitting and sewing as well as having the excitement of being able to share their creation with the local

community'. She added, 'We hope that people from outside the town will come and have a look at the creations too'.

If you would like your school, craft group, Scout or Guide group to be involved and create a 'wool bomb' or if you are a local resident with knitting skills and would like to take part, please get in touch. Likewise for any local businesses that would like to be involved.



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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



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