



# Ripley Town Council



June 2020

Welcome to the June 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.

# You are amazing!

We are writing this newsletter at the beginning of May, so some of the information in this edition may have changed by the time you come to read it in June 2020.

Since our last newsletter, the world has become a completely different place. One thing is for sure, our residents, hospital, doctors' surgeries, businesses, shops and schools in the Ripley Township have been brilliant and have adjusted amazingly to the new measures put in place by the Government.

New and pre-existing groups have been helping the vulnerable and people self-isolating. We are so proud of all the NHS staff and key workers who work and live in our Township for all the sacrifices they are making to help others. We thank you all very much and we are proudly clapping for you at 8pm each Thursday evening.

We have changed the way we work at Ripley Town Council. Our two, part time members of staff are currently

working from home but you can still contact us using the details on the back page. We have temporarily postponed some of our regular committee meetings, however we have started to have online meetings which are open to members of the public. Please visit the 'meeting' section of our website for meeting agendas and details of how you can join the meeting either on your computer or on the telephone. Our management team is also meeting online each Friday afternoon with the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk to discuss any matters arising for the Council.



Esther with her NHS & Keyworker poster

We have set up a dedicated page on our website for residents and businesses, relating to Coronavirus, with help and advice. Please visit it from the home page of our website.

**Please keep adhering to the advice from the Government.**

**We are very proud of our local community.**



Ripley Town Council presents



## Big Day Out

### Ripley's Big Day Out 2020 cancelled

Regretfully, this year's Big Day Out at Midland Railway on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, has been cancelled. Don't worry because it will be back, bigger and better next year! Save the date, **Wednesday 7th July 2021, 12pm - 7pm.**

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# Local Coronavirus help, advice & news

**STAY AT HOME** 

**PROTECT THE NHS**

Joined Up Care  
Derbyshire

 **save lives**

## Want the latest on Coronavirus in Derbyshire?

Get all the latest health service information for Derby and Derbyshire in one place during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic...

Visit: [www.joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/public-info-covid-19](http://www.joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/public-info-covid-19)

### Why should I visit the website?

We understand you may be anxious about changes to health services during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, so we have set up this web area to act as a one-stop-shop of information.

We will update the website daily to provide information as quickly as possible.

### The site contains:

- ✓ Local service changes, for example changes to GP practices, hospitals, community and mental health services
- ✓ Daily updates
- ✓ Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- ✓ Links to local & national information


If you know people in your family or local community who do not have internet access, please use the site on their behalf and share information. The site is available in different languages online.

If you are concerned you may have coronavirus please visit **111 online at [111.nhs.uk/covid-19](http://111.nhs.uk/covid-19)** and you will be taken through a symptom checker and given advice on what to do. Please only call 111 if you can't go online.

### Find out more:

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Call Healthwatch  
Derbyshire for help  
and assistance:  
**01773 880786.**



Joined Up Care Derbyshire is a partnership of health and social care organisations in Derbyshire working together to improve care and services for Derbyshire residents.

If you are in the 'vulnerable' or 'shielding' category and need help with food shopping or collecting prescriptions, help is available to you. Derbyshire County Council are coordinating a massive community response to make sure people in these categories are supported.

You can register for help by calling 01629 535091 or by going on their website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

Likewise, if you would like to register as a volunteer to help people in your area who do not have anyone else who can help them, please contact Derbyshire County Council.

## Ripley Salvation Army Foodbank



The Salvation Army on Heath Road in Ripley have a foodbank which is accessible to families and individuals who are referred there by a healthcare professional, the Job Centre or Social Services. Once the

referral has been made and checks have been carried out, they will contact you to set up an appointment to either collect your food parcel or have it delivered, depending on your circumstances.

If you would like to donate non perishable food items to this food bank, please drop them off at the Salvation Army on Heath Road on Fridays.

**The Ripley Salvation Army can be contacted on 07776 769686 for further information.**

Ripley Town Council have received a £500 grant from Tesco Bags of Help and donated it all to this food bank so they can buy supplies for Ripley Township residents in need.

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LOCAL**

**Thank you** for continuing to support local traders throughout the Ripley Township during this difficult time. Where possible, they have been open to serve our community with essential goods.

They have been doing an amazing job - thank you. **Ripley Town Council pledge to help local shops and traders promote their goods and services when the Ripley Township has fully reopened again.**

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Districts**

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[www.ddcab.org.uk](http://www.ddcab.org.uk)

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## Our Current Services

We are open for business and are here to provide you with free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on any issue.

We have increased the resource on our Adviceline and have Advisers waiting to take your call now. All face to face services are suspended until further notice, however telephone appointments are available and can be booked through our Adviceline.

**Call our Adviceline on 0300 456 8390**

Lines open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers.

**For Universal Credit Help to Claim service call 0800 144 8 444**

Lines open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, freephone service.

## **Ripley Bands on Crossley Park update**

We were due to bring you a wonderful programme of musical entertainment this summer. That is currently on hold. We'll bring you more news on this in due course.



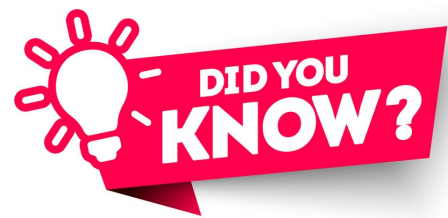


## Updating our Environment Policy

For at least three years, Ripley Town Council led the way amongst Derbyshire Councils being the only town (or parish) council with an Environmental Policy. You can see it – and the 44-point Action Plan – on our website.

But it is high time it was updated. This is partly because of a wish to support the calls recognising the Climate Change Emergency that engulfs the world, but it is also because there have been many developments in our understanding of the problems we face, and how to tackle them.

We are working on our ideas now and the Council will be consulting about revisions to our policy and action plan, so keep an eye on our website for details.



**Ripley's first social housing development was the William Holmes Almshouses on Nottingham Road in the town.**

It is a small complex comprising of six, one bedroom bungalows, large enough for two people to live in comfortably, with a lounge and large kitchen.

The Almshouses were built in 1926 with a bequest left by William Holmes (a local Provision Merchant, of Ripley who died in 1922), which stated that housing should be provided for needy people living in the Ripley area.

## River Starts Here Project update

While we're currently in lockdown, we thought we'd highlight places to explore your brooks close to home.

Research shows that spending time by water and in nature can make you happier and improve life satisfaction. It has been found to help with mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression.

### Bottle Brook

At Ripley Greenway, our new short path means you can enjoy the Bottle Brook near Marehay.

### Coppice Brook

If you go down this public footpath near the pub on Maple Avenue, after going through a gate and passing a new house, you will find a lovely place at the start of Coppice Brook. Why not get your maps out and follow public footpaths to follow it to Street Lane, under the A38 and along towards Heage, passing historic ironworks? It ends up in Belper.



Cllr Nigel Weaving at the start of the footpath off Maple Avenue in Ripley which leads to Coppice Brook

We want to use our lockdown time positively to connect you with your local brooks and wild spaces, by asking you to take photos of the brooks, wildlife, and people safely enjoying them and post to Twitter, Facebook or send by email. Please use our hashtags at the bottom of this article when posting and don't forget to say where they are.

**Please be safe. Outdoor spaces are crucial for exercise and mental wellbeing, but we must follow the Government's rules to stop the spread of COVID-19.**



Volunteers line the new path to the brook on Ripley Greenway at Marehay with wood chippings

Carr Wood, at the end of Outram Street in Ripley is a great place to explore. Our new path 'Lakeside Boulevard' brings you close to the small brook and lake.

If you're lucky you'll see kingfishers there.



#theriverstartshere #ripleyriverswellbeing

# Updating the Ripley Neighbourhood Plan

By Cllr Steve Freeborn

Planning rules are complicated so please bear with this article. The Ripley Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) has never been more important because without it, developers would have a relatively 'free hand' in the Township.

Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) has no Local Plan in place which you might think would automatically put the Plan to the forefront. But the Government have stated the Plan counts for nothing if AVBC cannot show a "five-year supply" of housing numbers. This would mean that developers would have a free hand to do what they wanted, where they wanted whether green belt or not.

Having suffered planning permissions in the green belt, fortunately for the Township, in May last year AVBC changed the way they calculated the five-year supply and found they really had one. This suddenly protected green belt and promoted the importance of the Plan.

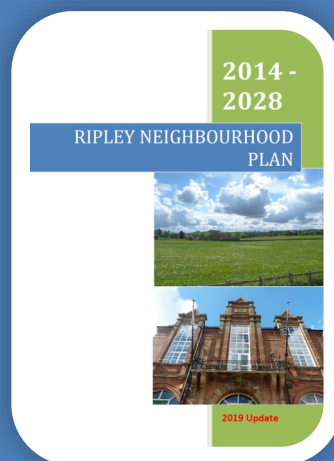
The Plan is due to run until 2028 but amendments

can be made to it now. So, Ripley Town Council is taking the chance to update it and the main changes are to do with requiring a much more environmentally friendly approach. For example, in addition to using recycled materials where possible, the amended Plan will require measures such as:

- Use of permeable paving
- Re-use of 'grey water'
- Installation of solar panels
- Installation of ground source heating (on larger developments)
- Provision of charging points for electric vehicles.

Ripley Town Council has already consulted on these changes and we received overwhelming support for them from our communities. We are now waiting to find out if the proposed changes will need a further referendum or not.

We will let you know if we do.



## Ripley Town Councillor contact details



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Cllr. N. Weaving | 01773 856375

### Butterley Ward

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Cllr. T. Holmes | 01773 742574

### Central Ward

Cllr. R. Ashton | 01773 745420

Cllr. L. Cox | 01773 742574

### East Ward

Cllr. S. Carter | 01773 741600

Cllr. M. Jones | 01773 742225

Cllr. R. Emmas-Williams | 01773 746543

Cllr. I. Fisher | 01773 745221

### Elms Ward

Cllr A. Bridge | 01773 744119

Councillor J. Gregory | 01773 744477

Councillor C. Cutting | 01773 747105

### Heage Ward

Cllr. P. Boles | 01773 747664

Cllr P. Lobley | 01773 856874

Cllr. M. Gascoigne | 07710 441936

### Marehay Ward

Cllr M. Wilson | 01773 772712

### North Ward

Cllr P. Moss | 01773 748827

Cllr C. Saunders | 07980 191916

### Waingroves Ward

Cllr. D. Williams | 01773 744754

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

Please note, Mrs. C Manterfield (East Ward) is no longer a Town Councillor.

## 2020 Best Kept Garden & Allotment competition

Sponsored by  
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Central England Co-operative

Open to all residents in the Ripley Township.

1st Prize - £60 Co-op voucher

2nd Prize - £30 Co-op voucher

3rd Prize - £10 Co-op voucher

Entry is free and will be judged by the Ripley Town Mayor or a representative from Ripley Town Council, possibly a representative from the Central England Co-operative and an independent person. Social distancing rules will apply during judging. Request an entry form. Contact details below or download from our website.

[www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

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