



# Ripley Town Council



March 2021

Welcome to the March 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.

## Ripley's Rich Heritage

The Heritage Committee of the Town Council, has been keen to raise the profile of the history of the township. This is really varied, ranging from Roman Soldiers marching up Street Lane nearly 2000 years ago to Butterley Company building the Falkirk Wheel and Portsmouth Spinnaker.

There are ten information boards being installed across the Township giving some interesting facts about the local area. Councillor Ian Fisher has written the text for the boards and they are illustrated with historic pictures that may show things that will be remembered by some and yet be new to others.

Included are details about Street Lane being part of Ryknield Street. This Roman road runs from the Fosse Way at Bourton on the Water in Gloucestershire to Templeborough in South Yorkshire. Another fact is that John Wesley preached on Ripley Market Place on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1742 on his way to Sheffield.

It is inevitable that many items on these boards reflect the industrial past of the area. The opening of the Cromford Canal allowed the development of so many industries such as coal and lime stone workings, brick making and on to iron works and railways. These led to the growth of the population of Ripley and the surrounding villages and we try to show how important these are in the history of the area.



The information boards will be erected during this spring in the following locations;

Ambergate, Butterley, Co-op Square (Ripley), Hammersmith, Heage, Marehay, Ripley Market Place, Sawmills, Street Lane and Waingroves.

We will publish them in our newsletter so that everyone will have chance to see their contents.

Ripley Town Council thank Peter Smith and the Ripley and District Heritage Society for their assistance in producing these boards.

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**SH♥P RIPLEY  
SHOP SAFE**

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**To all our  
amazing  
Key  
Workers**

**RIPLEY SAYS**

*Thank  
you!*

# Environment Matters

Ripley Town Council recently revised its Environment, Climate and Bio-diversity Action Plan because climate change is happening and there is a new need to be cleaner and greener. Our ambition is for the township to have a zero-carbon footprint. Achieving this will be very tough but with everyone doing their 'bit' – each household, every business and all organisations including Ripley Town Council – we can do it.

The Town Council does not have the resources of borough or county councils, and so needs to be realistic in its vision and aims. However, we will not think small or deliver small.

When revising our Action Plan, we tried to find the right balance to deliver environment, climate and biodiversity change for the township. The updated Action Plan focusses on the Town Council's ability to act and to influence. Please check it out on our website (or contact the Clerk for a copy).

## **Our Environment, Climate and Bio-diversity Plan objectives**

- Ripley Town Council to lead and influence community change within the township
  - Ensure our approach to change fits with current legislation and best practice guidance
  - Influence environment, climate and bio-diversity consciousness development
  - Provide the township with energy security and fair tariffs
  - Reduce fuel poverty and improve well-being
  - Minimise pollution in the township
  - Encourage better waste and recycling behaviour
  - Ensure open-spaces, parks and land are clean and encourage biodiversity
  - Support the maintenance of rivers, streams and drainage to the highest standards possible
  - Support the township's businesses in their transition to a greener future
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## **Ripley Community Wool Bombing 2021**

In February 2021, we submitted an event application to Amber Valley Borough Council asking for their permission to use the trees on Crossley Park and Ripley Market Place for this community project. They have declined our application at this current time. However, when the current lockdown restrictions are lifted, they will reconsider our application. So, this community project may not be happening in May, but it is likely to be a little later in the year.

We won't be setting a theme, so please feel free to come up with your own and start your knitting, crochet, pompom making, in preparation for us letting you know the new dates via our newsletters and website.

# It's been a pleasure

Councillor Tony Holmes looks back at his time as Mayor of Ripley

**During my term as your Mayor, I have met and supported so many fantastic community groups and charities that do so much for so many residents of the Ripley Township.**

I held my charity dinner at Seafish Restaurant in Ripley last February for the two main charities I have supported during my term, Friends of Ripley Hospital and Rethink Mental Illness at The Croft, Ripley, supporting people living with mental health, and raised over £1,000.

There were many highlights during the 2019/2020 year, from the annual opening of Ripley Charter Fair to Remembrance Sunday, judging the Garden and Allotment Competition to officially opening the Ripley Music Festival and many, many more good causes. I have attended over one hundred engagements with my Consort, Councillor Lyndsay Cox (pictured).

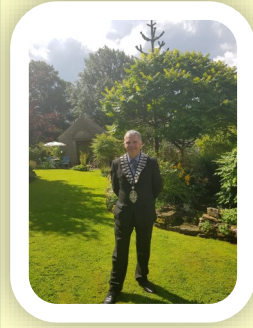


I would personally like to thank all of our key workers who have dealt with the unprecedented circumstances we have had to face and my thoughts go out to all those who have been affected by Covid-19.



We are now seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully all of our shops, bars and businesses in the town will be able to return to normal trading soon. With that in mind, I would like to encourage all of us to shop locally and support our town and villages.

A new Mayor of Ripley will be elected in May 2021. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you, the people of Ripley, thank you.



Unusually, with the situation that we were met with last March, I retained the Mayorship for the years 2020/2021 and during the restrictions have carried out only a minimum of engagements. It was my pleasure again to be party to judging gardens and allotments - lockdown may have given some of you more time to spend gardening and growing?



## Ripley Neighbourhood plan

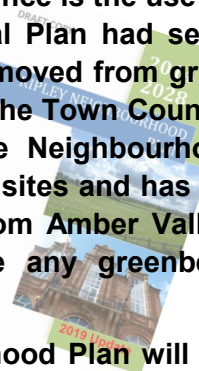
Ripley Town Council is reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan. The original plan, adopted in 2014 was designed to articulate a clear and distinctive vision for how the town of Ripley will grow and develop up to 2028. At that time there was no Core Strategy of Amber Valley Borough Council, and a subsequent draft that rejected by Amber Valley Borough Council in 2019. This does mean that any planning decision for the Township of Ripley has to be taken with the Neighbourhood Plan at the forefront of the process.

We are now reviewing the Plan to include more up

to date requirements for building and industrial land.

An example of our influence is the use of greenbelt land. The rejected Local Plan had seven sites in Ripley that would be removed from greenbelt. The Planning Committee of the Town Council has been consistent in using the Neighbourhood Plan to resist building on these sites and has campaigned for the new Strategy from Amber Valley Borough Council not to include any greenbelt sites as building land.

The revised Neighbourhood Plan will be available later this year.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS



## Apply Now!

**Each year, Ripley Town Council gives grants to local groups in the township to help with their community activities.**

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

Or call 01773 513456 or email  
[deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)  
to request one.

Deadline for applications:  
21st May 2020.

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



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## Certificate of Merit Award 2021



## Nominate Now!

**Do you know someone in the Ripley Township (Ripley, Waingroves, Marehay, Ambergate, Nether Heage, Heage, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Street Lane or Lower Hartshay) who is deserving of recognition for their voluntary work within our local community?**

**If so, we want to hear about them!**

- The nominee must live or be involved in groups within the Ripley Township.
- No sitting Councillor may nominate or be nominated.

**Download the nomination form from the homepage of the Ripley Town Council website,**

**[www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)**  
or request a form by calling 01773 513456 or emailing, [deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)



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

## KEEP RIPLEY TIDY



If you're out on your daily exercise and you have rubbish or dog litter you need to dispose of, please put it in a bin. If the bin is full, please take it home with you or discard it in another bin.

Please help us keep our lovely town and surrounding villages clean and tidy for everyone that lives and visits here. Thank you.

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

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