



Ripley Town Council



October 2022

Welcome to the October 2022 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.

Christmas is coming!

We are trying something new this year. For the first time, we are holding the Ripley Christmas Market and the Ripley Christmas Light Switch on, on the same day.

We will have stalls selling a variety of goods on Ripley Market Place from 12pm. There will be entertainment throughout the afternoon with free children's rides and face painting.

At 5pm, the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Nigel Weaving will officially switch on the Christmas lights which will illuminate Ripley Town Centre. We are also providing more illuminated Christmas trees in the villages within the Ripley Township.

The traditional carol service with Newstead Brass and Rev John Wigram will commence just after 5pm, followed by an appearance from Father Christmas!

Children's rides will be on Shirley Road Car Park.

Please note, Market Place and South Place in Ripley will have road closures in place to ensure the safety of people attending the event.

We hope to see you there, supporting local people and businesses.

THIS CHRISTMAS

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Present

RIPLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET

&

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Sunday 27th November 2022

12pm - 6.30pm Ripley Market Place

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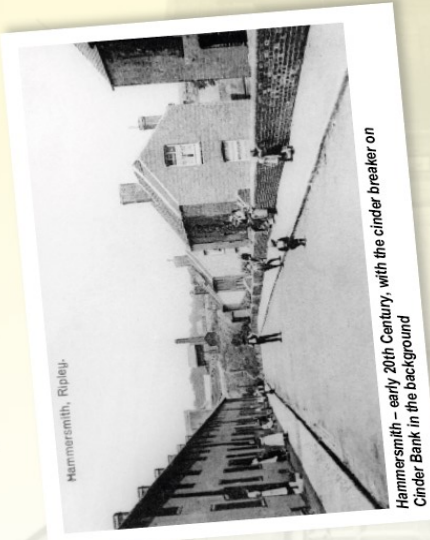
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Welcome to Hammersmith

We invite you to read on and find out more about the history of this area.

Until the Butterley Company purchased the land early in the 19th century and built a number of semi-detached and terraced houses, Hammersmith was a small hamlet.

The terraced houses were known as "Poker Row": it was said that the tenants knocked on the walls with a poker to warn neighbours that the rent man was around!



A geological survey of a large area around Ripley during the years 1817-27 shows pits near Padley Hall at Hammersmith.

A house on the site of Padley Hall was probably the home of the le Luys family in the 14th century. The family name evolved into Lowes, and the road from Ripley to Pentrich that passes through Hammersmith was known as Lowes Hill Lane. This was the main road, but was probably only a poorly maintained path. Everyone from Ripley who went to the Parish Church at Pentrich must have used this path every Sunday.

Padley Hall has Elizabethan origins, but was substantially improved in the 17th century.

In 1679 Robert Fearne of Padley Hall, a Quaker, was sent to prison for not paying a tith of one shilling and sixpence. Quakers did not recognise the role of priests, which the tith supported, and so in conscience refused to pay the tith. On his release he left for Pennsylvania in 1682, becoming one of the first settlers, seeking freedom of worship.



As early as the 13th century coal and ironstone were mined in this area. The site that is now a business park was a wire works into the 20th century. The chimney was demolished brick by brick in 1978.

TJ Castledine has written that the Cinderbank in Hammersmith was always considered to be part of the Butterley Company's foundry. A rail link with the works allowed used foundry sand and scrap castings to be transported to the site for burial, making it a lucrative site for scrap metal! Much of the sand etc. was used as infill for the new A38 in the mid 1970's.

Nearby Pentrich Colliery was

employing the men of the village from 1850, though mining could have taken place here in medieval times, as evidence of bell pits was found when the land was being reclaimed in the 1980's. The colliery was to the south of the railway and mainly to the west of Asher Lane.



The development of railways at Hammersmith led to an unusual "triple" bridge being needed.

A railway line passed over an accommodation track for the Cromford Canal - originally used by towing horses whilst their barges negotiated Butterley Tunnel - and the Butterley Company's branch from Buckland Hollow Junction on the Ambergate-Pye Bridge line. This served the collieries at Lower and Upper Hartsday before continuing to Butterley Ironworks, Brittain Pit and Swanwick Junction.



The arrangement here was quite unusual as the Butterley Company's line crossed the Cromford Canal whilst another bridge took the Heanor branch over both the canal track and the mineral railway.

In 1976 the top part was demolished and the bottom part filled in to make way for the A38 Ripley by-pass.



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Mayor's message

Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Nigel Weaving writes

This summer, my Consort (Phyllis) and I have enjoyed music in Crossley Park played by Pure Steel, a wonderful Caribbean interpretation of current music, Dog Haus, a very proficient performance of popular songs and Newhall Brass Band and Derwent Valley Wind Band who never fail to impress.

On the 17th July, Deputy Mayor Cllr. Paul Lobley and his wife Janette enjoyed a roast lunch at the Thorn Tree in Waingroves as part of the Waingroves Show.



Newhall Brass

We were treated to big band style renditions of music ranging from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Elton John, performed by the Derwent Wind band

July and August were quiet months for mayoral engagements due to it being the holiday season but things pick up pace in September.

Dog Haus Band



Phyllis and I were pleased to be asked to open Marehay Show. Wonderful pipe band, the Seaforth Highlanders performed stirring bagpipe music for us. Egg and Spoon races too. The event was a lovely gathering, family orientated, great fun.



Pure Steel Band

Together with an independent judge Caroline Pollard, Phyllis and I judged school garden projects and were impressed by the quality of the respective schemes with the emphasis on nature. The young people were full of enthusiasm for what they were doing.

We also judged a host of private gardens and allotments, again being very charmed by the displays of flowers, both wild and ornamental. The allotments were bursting with produce. It was very difficult to say who was the best as they were all outstanding.



On Sunday 11th September, following the sad death of our Queen, I was honoured to be invited to be present at the reading of the Proclamation on the accession of our new Sovereign, King Charles III, which was read out in front of Ripley Town Hall. This was something few folk will have witnessed in their lives as it hasn't occurred since 1952, when Princess Elizabeth took the throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

I am very much looking forward to officially opening the 771st Ripley Charter Fair on 19th October 2022 on Ripley Market Place. We hope to see you there!

Waingroves Community Association

Waingroves Litter Pick

All residents are welcome to come along and help litter pick our community on the following Saturdays at 10am:

All children under the age of 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult over 18.

19th November 2022

17th December 2022

21st January 2023

18th February 2023

Meet at:
Waingroves Community Centre
Church Street
Waingroves
DE5 9TF

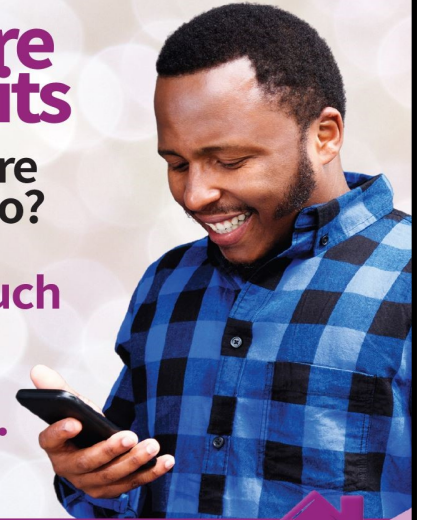
All litter picking equipment and materials are supplied by Waingroves Community Association from the Centre, thanks to funding from Ripley Town Council.

For further information, contact Councillor David Williams - 01773 744754



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion was formed to help ex-servicemen returning from the First World War to a country with high unemployment and an ailing economy.

Move forward over 100 years and The Royal British Legion, with money raised by the annual Poppy Appeal, is still helping not only veterans, but serving members of the Armed Forces.

New members to the Ripley Branch of the Royal British Legion are always welcome. You don't have to have served in the Armed Forces in order to become a member, anyone from any walk of life can join. Whether it's fundraising, championing Remembrance or just being on hand to help others – members contribute to making sure that people can access the services and support we provide.

The Ripley Branch meet on the third Friday of the month at Marehay Miners Welfare, Derby Road, Ripley at 7.30pm.

For more information, please contact the Branch Chairman, Phil Joynes on 07837 298425 / philjoynes@talktalk.net

Ripley Remembrance 2022

Sunday 13th November 2022 - 10.35am Parade leaves Co-op Car Park to go to All Saints' Church for a service in the Churchyard. Please note, road closures will be in place.



Greenwich Community Sports Hub update

In January 2022, Ripley Town Council became the Custodian Trustees and Management Trustees of Greenwich Community Sports Hub. This now enables Ripley Town Council to fully support Greenwich Park Sports Partnership, Butterley United Cricket Club and Ripley Town Football Club.

Since taking control, we have worked closely with the sports clubs to make significant improvements in the upkeep of the grounds and facilities. In recent weeks, we have added additional storage for the sports clubs so they can easily store their equipment and have it more accessible to them to use.

We will also be improving the disabled access to the facility by installing a button to open the main entrance door. We are also addressing some of the internal maintenance that has been neglected over recent years.

We are looking to build strong sustainable plans for the Community Sports Hub and protect the facilities for future generations with important input from all local stakeholders.

Val Harris, Chair of Butterley United Cricket Club said, 'It has been an absolute pleasure working with Ripley Town Council. It has been a real breath of fresh air sharing our vision and working alongside both them and Ripley Town Football Club. We all have the best interests of Greenwich Community Sports Hub in mind for the benefit of both sports clubs and the community as a whole.'



Ripley Town Council

Hire Greenwich

Ripley
Recreation Ground
Charity

Community Sports Hub

For your business meeting, training event, community group or party

Facilities:

Capacity - 70 seated (10 people per round table) for dinners or buffets

Capacity - seats 80 comfortably for conferences, courses or meetings

Large screen TV

Projector and screen

Car parking for 50 cars

Bar

Kitchen

Ladies, gents and disabled toilet

Hire by the hour



For more information and to book, contact
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Nottingham Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3AY

A focus on what's available for young people in our community at The Old Farm Bus in Marehay

Ripley Town Council fund sessions at The Old Farm Bus in Marehay for young people aged 11-21 who live in the Ripley Township. We are thrilled to be supporting sessions Monday through to Friday evenings in Marehay, Ripley. The aim is for young people in our community to have somewhere to go in the evening, so they aren't roaming the streets. Here they can make new friends, have something to eat, learn new skills and ways to look after their health and wellbeing, as well as taking part in activities such as poetry, rapping, art, lino printing, sports, video games, films, drumming, music, videography, podcasting and much more! If you know someone who would like to attend, get them to contact The Old Farm Bus to book onto a session.

What's On?

24 weeks of workshops at The Old Farm Bus

2 HOUR
SESSIONS
FROM
6-8PM

MONDAY

Safe Space Youth Club for 11-17 yrs

TUESDAY

Role Models (Boys) Mental health & wellbeing for 11-17 yrs boys

WEDNESDAY

Who Art Thou Arts & Crafts for 14-18 yrs (12 students) GCSE level

THURSDAY

Role Models (Girls) Mental health & wellbeing for 11-17 yrs girls

FRIDAY

Turn The Page Creative writing / Poetry / Rap for 14-21 yrs



THE OLD FARM BUS

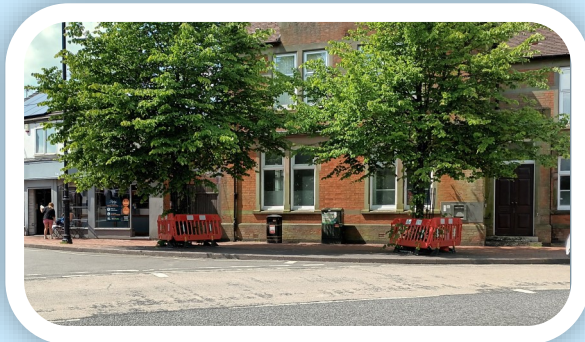
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Ripley needs a little tender, loving care

When visiting Ripley, especially the town centre, you are hard-pressed to avoid some things around the town that have needed repair (or other attention) for a long time. This creates a very negative impression of Ripley as you enter the town. The pictures show a number of these problems - all are the responsibility of either the borough or county councils to put right.



Trees uprooting the pavement on Nottingham Road, Ripley

Ripley Town Council has been urging Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to get on with the repairs for a long time – ever since the barriers at the various locations were first put up, which were years ago in some cases! Some tree's roots have caused the pavement to lift, and we are pleased that at the time of writing this short report, those problems are actually being repaired.

However, there are still other places with problems in the town, footways are being overgrown by trees that have not been pollarded for a long time, and an old toll-bar gate post on Nottingham Road needs major repairs having been knocked over by a vehicle.



Left: Overgrown trees near The Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley



Right: Toll bar on Nottingham Road, Ripley waiting to be repaired by Derbyshire County Council

Ripley Town Council will continue to press the county and borough councils to sort out all the problems, as the town centre needs tender loving care, not what seemed like abandonment.

Services available at Ripley Hospital



- Community Therapists
- District Nurses
- Health Visitors
- Healthy Child Team
- Hotel services
- Medical Records
- Outpatients
- Urgent Treatment Centre and X-Ray open daily, 8am - 8pm
- Occupational Therapy
- Community Paediatrician
- Phlebotomy
- Physiotherapy
- Neurotherapy
- Podiatry
- Inpatient ward (Butterley Ward)
- Inpatient Therapy

Sandham Lane, Ripley, DE5 3HE
Tel: 01773 743456

Non emergency, visit 111.nhs.uk or call 111
In an emergency, call 999

MEETING DATES

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Our meetings are conducted in the Council Chamber in Ripley Town Hall. You are welcome to join the meeting to hear our council discuss local matters or if you would like to bring something to our attention, you can have the opportunity to speak in the meeting.

Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7pm

If you have a problem, Citizens Advice is here for you.

Our Outreach Adviser can help you find solutions.

Our advice sessions are available at:

Ripley Library on Monday mornings.

To book an appointment call our freephone Adviceline on **0808 278 7954**.

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0808 278 7954

Open Monday to Friday,
9am to 4pm

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