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February 2023

Welcome to the February 2023 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.

What an amazing turnout!

Cast your mind back to the end of November 2022. For the first time, Ripley Town Council held the Christmas Market and switched on the Christmas lights on the same day.

It was a busy, yet rewarding day for everyone involved; whether it be all the stallholders who attended, entertainers, volunteers or event organisers. Our main attraction, the carousel looked wonderful and people of all ages enjoyed riding on it.

We would like to thank each and every person who attended. We have an amazing community who comes along to support the free events we organise for you.

Those of you who were there may recall 11 year old Ripley resident, Kori (pictured) helping the Mayor of Ripley to switch on the Christmas lights. Kori is 11 years old and has received two heart transplants in his short lifetime. Unfortunately, Kori is receiving palliative care and fears were that last Christmas would be his last. So, we wanted to do something really special for him and his family by inviting him to help turn the lights on.

We hope you enjoyed seeing the Christmas lights up in Ripley Town Centre and in the surrounding villages. We had hoped to provide more festive lights however, some of the lighting columns provided by Derbyshire County Council weren't suitable for the decorations.



Pictures of Ripley Christmas Market and lights switch on.

What to expect from Ripley Town Council in 2023



Ripley Town Council

Our wonderful Township

Each year, we aim to do the best for you, our community. We want you to love where you live and be proud of living here. We have lots of community groups striving to help people, whether it be to help alleviate social isolation, educating young people and opening their world to new skills and experiences, or to help our environment thrive.

This year, we will be delivering the following in our Township:

- 0% increase in the Ripley Town Council aspect of Council Tax for the financial period, April 2023 to March 2024.
- Beautiful hanging baskets and planter displays
- Amazing Christmas Lights
- Free, engaging and fun youth initiatives
- Warm Wednesdays to help ease the cost of living crisis
- Free Community events (see opposite)
- Grants to support local groups and charities
- Garden & Allotment competition
- Certificate of Merit Award to a worthy local volunteer
- Ripley Neighbourhood Plan
- Cedar Avenue and Porterhouse Road parks
- Public toilets on Ripley Market Place and in Heage
- Environmental grants
- Litterbins along Ripley Greenway
- Allotments
- Effectively managing Greenwich Community Sports Hub
- Supporting heritage - Heage Windmill and Butterley Ironworks
- Continuing to fund Citizens Advice sessions at Ripley Library



2023 Events

Ripley Spring Market.....Sun 21 May
King's Coronation.....6 & 7 May
Bands on Crossley Park - Sundays:
18 June / 9th July / 23 July / 6 Aug /
20 Aug / 3 Sept TBC
Ambergate Carnival.....Sat 8 July
Ripley Music Festival.....8 - 16 July
Ripley Pride.....19 & 20 Aug
Marehay Show.....2 Sept
Waingroves Show.....8, 9 & 10 Sept
Remembrance.....Sun 12 Nov
Ripley Christmas Market & Light
Switch on.....Sun 26 Nov





Mayor's Message

**COUNCILLOR NIGEL WEAIVING
MAYOR OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Towards the end of last year,
my Consort and I were invited to
several events in the Ripley Township.**

On 7th October 2022, my Consort, Phyllis and I spent a lovely afternoon in the company of Amber Valley Stroke Group. The group started 40 years ago, initially as the Ripley Stroke Group. They give support and social interaction for stroke survivors. They meet fortnightly at St Joseph's Church Hall on Butterley Hill in Ripley. Anyone, be they stroke survivor, or a carer, would be welcomed with open arms.



We were guests at a dinner hosted by the Showman's Guild at the Excavator, Buckland Hollow. A splendid evening was had. The next day Phyllis and I had the pleasure of opening the 771st Ripley Fair.



We attended the Armistice Day Service, at All Saints and on 13th November 2022. On the Sunday, we took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade through the town and laid a wreath on behalf on the Town Council. We were astonished by the amount of people who turned out on the misty morning to pay their respects. What a brilliant community you are.



The following weekend, I visited the Nether Heage Christmas Fayre at The Spanker pub. They were raising money for three charities; Children In Need, Action Medical Research for Children and Bea's fundraiser for America.



Pictured: Event organisers, Michelle Gascoigne & Cheryl Roulston along with myself and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Paul Lobley BEM.

The next day, we were invited to help celebrate the new Memorial Stones at the Ripley Salvation Army Citadel. Later the same day, we hosted our own Civic Service at All Saints Church with members of the community attending. it was here where I presented our 2022 Certificate of Merit Award to Cheryl Roulston from Nether Heage.



On Sunday 27th November 2022, we opened the Christmas Market surrounding the beautiful Carousel in the centre of Ripley Market Place. In the evening, with the aid of a wonderfully brave young Ripley resident, Kori, we switched on the town's Christmas lights. Kori has had two heart transplants and is receiving palliative care at home as this last Christmas, sadly, may be his last.



Pictured: Ripley resident, Kori alongside myself switching on the Ripley Christmas Lights.

Pictured left: Myself with Major Vincent Wall - Corps Officer Ripley Salvation Army, busy packing toys.



On the 2nd December 2022, Phyllis and I were guests at the Amber Valley Stroke Group, We had a delicious tea and drew the Christmas raffle. The next week, I assisted with present packing at the Ripley Salvation Army Citadel, providing gifts for those children whose parents can't afford to buy them.

We were invited to a Christmas concert hosted by the Greenhillocks Fellowship on 7th December where we were entertained by the Rock 'n' Soul Singers.

Community Matters

Town Centre office closure for Ripley Police team

In January 2023, Ripley Town Council received the following statement from Derbyshire Constabulary Command Team regarding the closure of the Police's town centre office, which is situated in the old Town Hall building on Ripley Market Place:

'Officers from the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will remain working from Ripley Police Station, Wyatts Way, as they have done for the last year, following their relocation from the Town Hall during

essential building work. Whilst those building works are now complete, the infrastructure that is available to the team at Ripley Police Station which supports the delivery of services, means it is now the most effective and economical base from which to operate. There will be no impact on the police services provided by the team caused by this decision, and they remain only a short distance from the town centre. They can be contacted for non emergency matters on 101.'

Councillor Steve Freeborn said, 'This is an unfortunate situation and as a council we are concerned about this closure. The purpose of the SNT is to be in the heart of the community and town centre. It takes too long for them to respond to incidents in the town, if they are not based there.'

Ripley Town Council have written to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner to ask they reconsider this decision. We will update you in the next newsletter if we receive a response.

RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2023/2024

We are pleased to report that there will be a 0% increase in the Ripley Town Council aspect of the Council Tax for the financial period, April 2023 to March 2024. This is due to the careful management of our finances and our acknowledgement of the current cost of living crisis.

We will maintain our current services including grants for local groups, free community events, youth provision, wonderful Christmas lights and floral displays throughout the Ripley Township.



Warm Wednesdays

Back in November 2022, Ripley Town Council responded to the Cost of Living Crisis by introducing 'Warm Wednesdays' at Greenwich Community Sports Hub on Nottingham Road, Ripley.

We encourage members of our community who may be struggling with the cost of heating their home during the day, to come along and share a warm space with other in similar situations.

We offer free hot drinks and a free hot lunch each week.

These sessions have been attended by over 40 people on Wednesdays who come along to meet new friends, play cards, do crafts or bring their own hobbies along to do.

Warm Wednesdays are running until 29th March 2023, 10am until 4pm. Just turn up!

Extended until end March 2023

Warm Wednesdays

Each Wednesday through to 29th March 2023

10am - 4pm

Greenwich Community Sports Hub
Nottingham Road, Ripley, DE5 3AY

FREE hot lunch and FREE drinks each week

FREE activities, games, music, TV, bring a book, bring your laptop / tablet and sign in to our free WIFI, bring your knitting, your crafts, or your hobbies along!

All ages welcome, including children with their carer.

Turn off the heating in your home on a Wednesday and come and spend the day in our warm hub.

Baby changing facilities

Free car parking

Disabled access

Warm Wednesdays are supported by Ripley Town Council, Ripley Recreation Ground Charity and the Members Community Leadership Fund at Derbyshire County Council.

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01773 513456

Ripley Recreation Ground Charity

DERBYSHIRE County Council

Community Matters

Changes to voting in May elections

On **Thursday 4th May 2023**, local elections are taking place in Amber Valley and across a further 229 councils in England.

At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark (proof of age).

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call **0800 328 0280**, to find out more information and a full list of accepted forms of photo ID.

There are other ways to vote

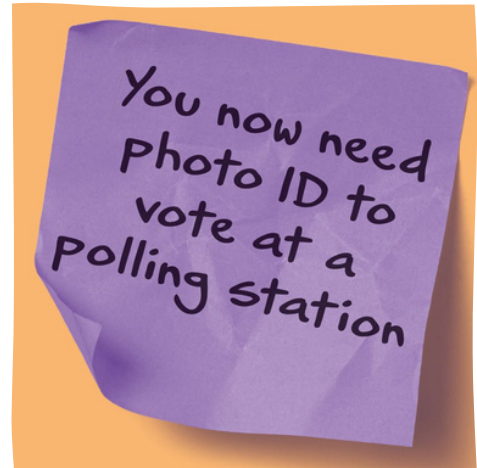
Postal Voting - you don't need to provide photo ID to vote by post.

You must be registered to vote before you can apply for a postal vote. If you are not sure if you have already registered, please contact Amber Valley Borough Council on 01773 841458 or email elections@ambervalley.gov.uk

If you are not registered, please visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

You will need to ensure your postal vote application is completed by **5pm on Tuesday 18th April 2023**.

You will receive your ballot paper in the post. Complete and return your ballot paper, ensuring you leave enough time for it to arrive at Amber Valley Borough Council by **10pm on Thursday 4th May 2023**. If you can't post your postal vote back in time, you can take it to your polling station on polling day.



We hope you will vote in the local elections on 4th May 2023 and we encourage you to use a postal vote to do so.

For more information, please contact Amber Valley Borough Council on 01773 841633 or email elections@ambervalley.gov.uk



Councillor Janis Gregory 1942-2023



Councillors and staff at Ripley Town Council are saddened to report the recent death of Councillor Janis Gregory.

Councillor Gregory was first elected to the Town Council in 1986, representing the Elms Ward, which she did up until her passing.

She was retired, but before this worked for over 25 years for the Careers Service (Connexions) in a variety of jobs.

Janis chaired the Ripley Branch of the Labour Party and was Secretary of the Amber Valley Constituency Labour Party. Over the years, she was a Governor at various schools in Ripley.

She was a keen knitter and has contributed immensely to the wool bombing displays in Ripley over the years.

Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 1pm at Amber Valley Crematorium, Derby Road, Swanwick DE55 1BH. Janis's wish is that you need not wear black. Family flowers only.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

Back in November 2022, the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Nigel Weaving presented the Certificate of Merit Award for the year to Cheryl Roulston.

Nether Heage resident, Cheryl was nominated by her friend and fellow volunteer Michelle, for all the dedication she gives by volunteering in her local community of Nether Heage.



Pictured: Cllr Nigel Weaving presenting Nether Heage resident, Cheryl Roulston with her award at the Ripley Town Council Civic Service event in November 2022.

Michelle wrote:

'I would like to nominate Cheryl for her tireless work and enthusiasm in our community. Her passion for all our villagers is exemplary.

Organising events and the preparation of these, as well as working hard on the day, keeping our village funds in order and applying for local grants that benefit our community, running the community and neighbourhood watch Facebook page (even when she's not in the country and on holiday!), putting herself out for others like shopping for elderly neighbours over the Covid lockdowns.

Cheryl can often be seen in a

Ripley Town Council high-vis vest, litter picking around Nether Heage, along with leaflet dropping to keep everyone updated with events. She's also a fantastic team member, great friend and constant support.'

Michelle added, 'Cheryl does all this along side being a mother, grandmother, and business owner. If anyone deserves this award, Cheryl does. Nether Heage wouldn't be a community without her and we are all grateful for everything she does.'

Cheryl said, 'It was an honour and privilege to receive this award as the areas covered for the nominations goes way outside our little village of Nether Heage.'

Do you know someone in the Ripley Township who is deserving of recognition for their voluntary work within our local community? If so, we want to hear about them!

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Heage...

What do YOU think?

Friends of Heage Community Group have recently formed to try to improve Heage open spaces and make them accessible for everyone.

There is currently very little provision of recreational facilities in the village and extremely poor access to the areas which are there. All the equipment is old and there is nothing provided for adults, or older children.



Ideas being considered are:

- picnic areas
- a community garden
- additional and improved play equipment to cater for tots to teens, & provide accessibility for all
- outdoor gym equipment
- pathways
- lighting
- improved sports grounds

Survey

The group is keen to represent the community as a whole and has launched a short online survey to let YOU, (members of, or visitors to, the Heage area), express your opinions and ideas.

Please use this link www.freeonlinesurveys.com/s/VqJNiHNNH or scan the QR code opposite, to complete the survey.



www.facebook.com/groups/170524058256673



friendsofheagecommunity@gmail.com



HELP IS AVAILABLE

The Cost of Living Crisis is sadly affecting many residents in the Ripley Township.

Where you can get help

Derbyshire County Council

- Assistance with claiming benefits
- Hardship Fund
- Debt management
- Housing issues
- Keeping your home warm and improve energy efficiency
- Community banks
- Energy Grants and schemes
- Help with Council Tax and housing costs

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/costofliving
01629 533190

Citizens Advice

Ripley Town Council fund weekly advice sessions held at Ripley Library on a Monday morning. You can book an appointment by calling 0808 278 7954.

www.citizensadvice.derbyshiredistricts.org.uk

Help from local Churches

Our local Churches play a major role in helping people in need. You don't have to be a member of their congregation to access emergency food parcels. They will gladly help you and signpost you to more regular help.

Local foodbanks

Ripley Salvation Army - 01773 741932
Heath Road, Ripley, DE5 3EN

A referral from your GP, school, church, Futures Housing, NACRO, Citizen's Advice or a Job Centre is needed, preferably by email to ripley@salvationarmy.org.uk. The Foodbank is open Tuesday's 1pm-4.30pm and Friday's 10am-2pm.

Waingroves Methodist Church - 01773 742170
Waingroves Road, Ripley, DE5 9TB

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 21st March 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7pm



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

Ripley Town Council:

Tel: 01773 513456

Email: admin@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Nottingham Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3AY



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



RIPLEY TOWN COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

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AMBERGATE WARD

COUNCILLOR VACANCY - To be filled in May 2023

Cllr. Nigel Weaving | 01773 856375 (Lab)

BUTTERLEY WARD

Cllr. Steve Freeborn | 01773 749000 (Lab)

Cllr. Tony Holmes | 01773 742574 (Lab)

CENTRAL WARD

Cllr. Ron Ashton | 01773 745420 (Con)

Cllr. Lyndsay Cox | 01773 742574 (Lab)

EAST WARD

Cllr. Sean Carter | 01773 741600 (Con)

Cllr. Matt Jones | 01773 742225 (Lab)

Cllr. Roland Emmas-Williams | 01773 746543 (Lab)

Cllr. Ian Fisher | 07836 734005 (Lab)

Cllr. Steven Williams | 07837 263344 (Con)

ELMS WARD

COUNCILLOR VACANCY - To be filled in May 2023

Cllr. Matt Allwood | 07426 027184 (Lab)

Cllr. Trevor Spencer | 07982 943944 (Con)

HEAGE WARD

Cllr. Tony Harper | 07730 044021 (Con)

Cllr. Paul Lobley | 01773 856874 (Lab)

Cllr. Lynn Joyes | 01773 857320 (Con)

MAREHAY WARD

Cllr. Mick Wilson | 01773 772712 (Lab)

NORTH WARD

Cllr. Paul Moss | 01773 748827 (Con)

Cllr. Matt Murray | 07598 284313 (Con)

WAINGROVES WARD

Cllr. David Williams | 01773 744754 (Lab)

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



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10am - 3pm



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