



Ripley Town Council



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April 2023

Welcome to the April 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.

 Ripley Town Council 

 is proud to present

Ripley Spring Market

Sunday 21st May 2023
10am - 3pm 

Ripley Market Place

Stalls - Food - Drink - Clothing - Gifts - Charities -
Children's entertainment - FREE children's rides
FREE Face Painting
Costumed characters
Live Broadcast from Amber Sound FM

Everyone welcome! 


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Spring has sprung!

Ripley Town Council is excited to bring several community events to you this year, starting with our annual Ripley Spring Market next month.

We have many great businesses coming along selling a wide range of goods; food to eat there or take away - so arrive with an empty tummy and go home full! We have talented crafters in attendance, stalls selling a range of things and charities coming along to raise awareness.

The Mayor of Ripley will officially open the event at 10am which will be followed by the blessing of the Well Dressing on Ripley Market Place, which this year is being created by the talented young people who attend The Old Farm Bus sessions in Marehay.

We hope to see you there!

Please read on to find out about other community events this year.

New play tower at Porterhouse Road

Ripley Town Council are responsible for two play areas in the Ripley Township; Cedar Avenue (near Ripley Leisure Centre) and Porterhouse Road, both in Ripley.

In 2021, we upgraded Cedar Avenue play area and this year, we are doing the same for Porterhouse Road.



We have been fortunate to have received a grant for £10,000 from the National Lottery to put towards the new equipment. This play area is used by many young people in the local area and pupils at Ripley St. John's School, around the corner on Dannah Street.

Pictured below is the new piece of play equipment we will be installing. It has two different sized slides, and three climbing areas, including a fire pole - ideal for children from aged 2 upwards. We will also be putting a bench in the area for grownups to rest on whilst the kids play!

We hope to have the equipment in place for the start of the school summer holidays.



Funded by  **COMMUNITY FUND**

Warm Wednesday round-up



Ripley Town Council were quick to react to the cost-of-living crisis last winter by providing a warm space each Wednesday at Greenwich Community Sports Hub on Nottingham Road in the town.

The sessions finished at the end of March. They have been attended each week by around 45 people. They were welcomed by our wonderful team of volunteers, who served them free hot drinks. A delicious, free hot lunch was provided and enjoyed by everyone.

Attendees made new friends, played cards and bingo and joined in with crafts. One week, BBC Radio Derby attended with poetry and musical entertainment and chair-based exercises for our guests to join in with. We also invited organisations to come along to give out information, such as Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, the Ripley SNT team, Derbyshire Carers and Citizen's Advice.

We were fortunate to receive funding towards Warm Wednesdays from; Derbyshire County Council, Foundation Derbyshire and Amber Valley CVS.

Ripley Town Council intend to hold Warm Wednesdays in late autumn, depending on funding.



Ripley Town Council Best Kept Garden & Allotment Competition 2023

Sponsored by
The co-operative
Central England Co-operative



1st Prize - £50 Co-op voucher
2nd Prize - £25 Co-op voucher

Do you have a garden, allotment, school garden, community space or business floral display that you are proud of?



Enter now!

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Deadline for entries: Friday 30 June 2023

Judging for schools will take place on Wed 12 July 2023
Judging for other categories will be on Sat 22 July 2023

This competition is open to all residents, businesses and schools in the Ripley Township including Ambergate, Bullbridge, Hammersmith, Heage, Lower Hartshay, Upper Hartshay, Marehay, Nether Heage, Ridgeway, Sawmills, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay and Waingroves.



Mayor's Message

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

On Saturday 28th January, I was delighted to be an Honoured guest at the Ripley Morris Annual Ale Feast, which was held at Walesby Scout Camp, near Newark.

The weather was bone chillingly cold but the lovely pie, chips and pea supper filled our tumms to fend off the cold. We listened to poems and stories followed by singing of traditional songs. Visiting 'sides' of Morris dancers, along with the hosts, Ripley Morris, danced long into the night. Twirling bodies, jingling bells and the clash of sticks. It was a truly wonderful evening.

The morning brought copious hot tea and a cooked breakfast to aid all on their homeward journey. Thank you, Ripley Morris! If you are interested in joining Ripley Morris, please contact them ripleymorris@hotmail.com / 07763 909262.



Monday 30th January, my Consort, Phyllis and I visited Forbo Flooring on Codnor Industrial Estate, to view an exhibition of their commercial history. The resilient Flotex flooring was in evidence everywhere and we learned how it is made. Forbo very kindly provided the flooring for the Greenwich Community Sports Hub that we all enjoy. The twinning link between Ripley and Chateau Renault in France was begun when the company joined forces with a French company to grow to the successful Ripley company we see today.



On Tuesday 7th February, Phyllis and I hosted a charity fundraising dinner at Greenwich Community Sports Hub. The fine Fish'n'Chip supper was donated by Ripley's Fish and Chips, to whom we are very grateful. We were entertained by Cllr. Paul Lobley who regaled us with humorous jokes and sung to by Kevin and Denise Quinlan who perform locally, with other musicians, as The Amber Band. A prize raffle was held (thank you to all the wonderful local businesses who donated prizes) and we raised altogether the impressive sum of £900. This, along with other monies, will be shared between my two chosen charities, Amber Valley Stroke Group and the Derbyshire Air Ambulance.



Community Matters

Ripley Police team location update

In our last newsletter, we reported that Ripley Town Council had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable of Derbyshire Police, asking them to reconsider closing the office which the Ripley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) occupied in Ripley Town Hall.

We have some good news to share with you. Ripley Town Council offered desk space for members of the Ripley SNT at our Grosvenor Road based office, and they have accepted our invitation.

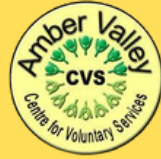
This will enable the Ripley SNT team to have somewhere in the town centre to carry out administrative tasks and respond to incidents in the town in a more efficient manner.

Councillor Steve Freeborn said, 'We approached the Divisional Command Team, offering a desk space in the Ripley Town Council office, so that the Ripley SNT have a visibility to the general public and will be openly available for members of the public to drop in.

There will still be a reduction in policing services in Ripley Town Centre as the Ripley SNT will be mainly based at Wyatts Way, at the Police Headquarters, but this is step in the right direction for the good of our community and local businesses!'



Volunteer Centre seeking new Trustees



If you have a passion for making a difference in people's lives, Amber Valley CVS, based on Ripley Market Place would love for you to join their Board of Trustees.

They would like to hear from you if you have experience in health and social care, strategic and business planning, IT, law, local government, accountancy or marketing.

For more information, contact Lynn Allison, Chief Executive on 01773 512076 / lynn@avcvs.org for an informal chat.

Voluntary position for Ripley Town Councillor

Councillor Mick Wilson (Marehay Ward) has been elected as Secretary to Derbyshire Law Centre (DLC).

DLC is a Chesterfield based charity, providing free, impartial, specialist legal help in housing, employment and debt management to Derbyshire residents, whatever their income or circumstances.

Cllr Wilson has worked and volunteered in the advice sector for over 25 years.



Derbyshire Law Centre Tel: 0800 707 6990 www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

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Certificate of Merit Award 2023



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!

Maybe they've helped someone in need, have a passion for our local environment or community, raised money for charity or organised activities to benefit local people or causes?

Deadline for applications: 1st October 2023

Enter now!

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

***Ripley, Waingroves, Marehay, Ambergate, Nether Heage, Heage, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Street Lane or Lower or Upper Hartshay**

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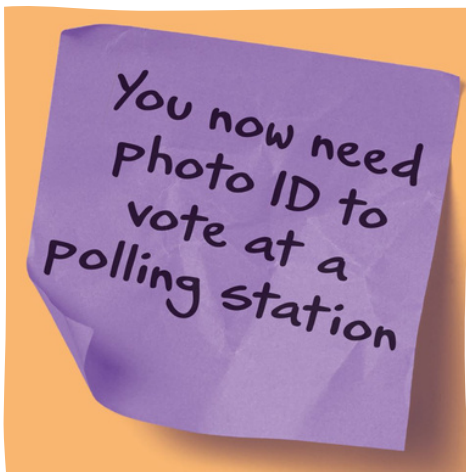
Don't forget to vote in the May elections

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

From this year, 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.



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

Join us in celebrating
The Coronation of King Charles III

Sunday 7th May 2023
2.30-4.30pm

Crossley Park Band Stand
with
The Derby Hospitals Band

Bring a chair and a picnic, sit back and enjoy the music!

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SH ♥ P Shop
LOCAL Ripley

Supported by Ripley Town Council Please support local businesses

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Grant Applications Open!

All not-for-profit groups, organisations and charities in the Ripley Township* are invited to apply for financial assistance from Ripley Town Council.

Apply Now!
www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Deadline for applications is 19th May 2023.

We are not able to give financial grants to businesses or religious establishments.

* Ripley, Marehay, Waingroves, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay, Lower Hartshay, Heage, Nether Heage, Bullbridge, Sawmills, Ambergate.

Community Events

Marehay Community Trust
Building a Strong Community in Marehay

Marehay Show Stall Holders
Saturday 2nd September 2023
Marehay Park
12 – 5pm



Would you like a stall at Marehay Show 2023?
Please contact info@marehayshow.co.uk to register your interest

Marehay Community Trust
Building a Strong Community in Marehay

The Coronation Celebration
SATURDAY 6th MAY 2023
Marehay Park & Marehay Chapel



- Face Painting
- Children's Races
- Bouncy Castle & Slide
- Can Bar & Soft drinks
- Folk Friendly
- Tea & Cakes (Chapel)
- Ice Cream
- Royal Fancy Dress Welcome
- Bring your own picnic

1.30pm – 4pm
www.marehayshow.co.uk



RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
presents



FREE

VARIOUS DATES THROUGHOUT SUMMER 2023

Bring your chair and a picnic, sit back, relax and enjoy the music!

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SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023
TBC

SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023
PURE STEEL BAND

SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023
NEWSTEAD BRASS

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023
DERWENT VALLEY WIND BAND

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023
LICKSQUID

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023
TBC

BANDS ON CROSSLEY PARK RIPLEY
2.30-4.30PM



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RIPLEY WOOL BOMBING

Ripley Town Council are looking for local groups, businesses, families, individuals and schools to produce knitting, crochet or pompons to decorate a tree in Crossley Park or on Ripley Market Place this autumn.

If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch:
deputyclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk
01773 513456

The theme: Anything you like!

01.09.2023 - 15.10.2023
CROSSLEY PARK & RIPLEY MARKET PLACE

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk





Environmental Matters

Ripley Town Council is committed to the whole of the township becoming cleaner and greener with an overall ambition of having a zero-carbon footprint.

We are seeking a high quality built and natural environment for the benefit of all and recognise the need to use our powers and influence to protect and improve the environment, climate and biodiversity.

We recognise that the day-to-day operations can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment, climate and biodiversity. We aim to protect and improve these through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.

One relatively easy and cost effective way to protect the environment and encourage biodiversity is through rewilding.

“Rewilding is about working with nature, to get natural processes, the foundations of life, working again”

Rewilding is about letting nature take care of itself, enabling natural processes to shape land, repair damaged ecosystems and restore degraded landscapes. Through rewilding, wildlife's natural rhythms create wilder, more biodiverse habitats.



We would like to look into rewilding part of the land down by the pond at Greenwich Community Sports Hub on Nottingham Road in Ripley, in consultation with the clubs that play there, members of the public who walk in the area and local environmental groups.

This would mean setting aside a large area for nature so that nature can truly evolve on its own terms, maximising biodiversity, carbon storage and essential eco benefits. We would no longer cut all the grass in this area, therefore enabling this process to happen.

You can do this at home

Create a wildlife-friendly garden that helps wildlife move through it, to help nature on a smaller scale.



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.

20th May 2023
17th June 2023
22nd July 2023
12th August 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



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 18th April 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 19th September 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

BHIB Derbyshire Council of the Year 2020 & 2018 & Highly Commended 2019 & 2022

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)

COUNCILLOR VACANCY - To be filled in May 2023

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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Mon - Fri
10am - 3pm



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