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Welcome to the special Environment 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.

## Environment Matters in the Ripley Township

The Ripley Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) has been reviewed and is currently 'out' for a public consultation period which ends on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019. There are several reasons why the Plan has been reviewed and a very important one is to strengthen provision for environmental improvements within the rules and regulations that govern the approval of planning applications.

Cllr Freeborn said "Our environment is affected by many things, but how we build new developments is critical. For too long developers have been able to disregard the negative impacts their building programmes might have."

Some of the changes the Town Council is proposing are very simple, others are more complicated. For example, we propose that all surfaces for footways and drives should be

permeable. This will greatly reduce the risk of flooding as rainwater will drain into the ground where it falls, rather than having to be carried away by a drainage system.

Ensuring truly sustainable developments through incorporation of electric vehicle charging points, microgeneration of electricity, e.g. through solar panels and of heating systems through ground source heating.



There are many other ideas being proposed in the Plan and, in respect of environmental issues, the Town Council asks you to look at the draft policies E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7 and E8.

You can see the revised Plan and make comments via the Town Council website [www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

# Ripley Town Councillors

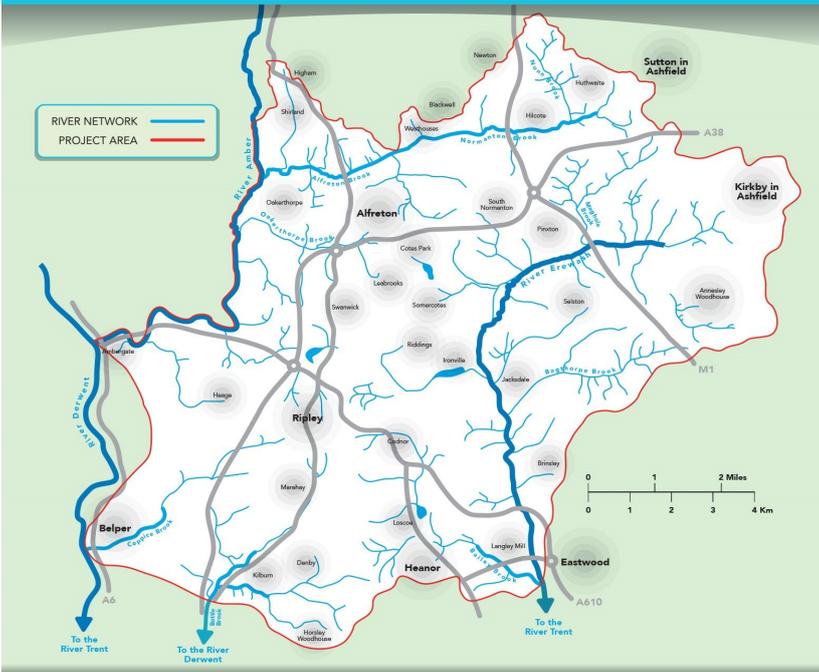
Ripley Town Council is a Labour controlled council. All 21 councillors hold their position on a voluntary basis and do not receive payment for their role on Ripley Town Council.

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	<p><b>Cllr. Janis Gregory</b> Elms Ward <b>Labour</b> 01773 744477</p>	<p>The postal and email addresses for all councillors can be found on the Ripley Town Council website - <a href="http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk">www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk</a></p>	

# THE RIVER STARTS HERE!

Your brooks are important tributaries of the Rivers Amber, Derwent and Erewash.

The Trent Rivers Trust is bringing businesses, communities and organisations together to make your brooks cleaner, more enjoyable and rich in wildlife.



**We want everyone to feel they can help to look after their local brook.**

'The River Starts Here' has been busy helping to look after local brooks. They started by making a little wetland along the brook by Ripley Greenway at Peasehill, so that people can see and enjoy the brook more. It's also good for wildlife. They worked with the Friends of Ripley Greenway and Derbyshire County Council to do this. Thanks everyone!

They have also trained volunteers to record the wildlife in the brooks and have been helping the Friends to pull Himalayan Balsam which is an invasive plant. There will be lots more to do over the year.

There are some welcoming 'Friends' groups in Ripley who help to look after the Greenway, Carr Wood and Hammersmith Meadows. You might think that these groups are just for other people, but anyone can join them, even for just an hour or two. It can be great to get outside and meet new people and know that you've made a difference. It can take your mind off other problems and make you feel better. They can help you if you would be unsure about getting involved for any reason. They want everyone to feel that they can help to look after their brook. Why not give it a try?

## GET INVOLVED EVERYONE WELCOME



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📘 @theriverstartshereTRT

[www.trentrivertrust.org](http://www.trentrivertrust.org)

Contact Julie on: 07827 667888 or email [projects@trentrivertrust.org](mailto:projects@trentrivertrust.org)

You can also check out their Facebook page: @theriverstartshereTRT



# Friends of Ripley Greenway

Friends of Ripley Greenway Volunteers have planted wild flowers on part of the Greenway and they are now in full bloom and attracting bees, butterflies and other insects.

They aim to encourage the natural spread, regeneration and colonisation of wild flowers because they are important pollinators. It's vital that we acknowledge that wild plants underpin the food chains that support our wildlife.

They are planning to extend their little wild flower meadow in the future and welcome offers of support from any local people who would like to join them and get involved.



Contact e-mail - [ripleygreenway@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ripleygreenway@yahoo.co.uk)

Photo by Leslie Freeborn - Friends of Ripley Greenway

## FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE

Ripley Town Council has just set up a new Environment Committee to co-ordinate and manage activities as we try and improve the quality of our environment. Leader of the Council Steve Freeborn said, "I'm proud that Ripley Town Council seems to be the only Town Council in Derbyshire with an Environmental Policy, together with its associated Action Plan. We are doing our best to improve the environment for everyone's benefit."

The new committee is being chaired by Cllr Weaving who is very keen to get to work in his new role. He said, "I fully understand that some things can be done straight away and they will be! But I recognise that the Town Council is

going to need the help and collaboration of many other organisations and agencies."



Some of the new committee's work will - initially at least - be focussed on delivery of the 3 years long River Starts Here project which is now underway in the township - there is an article about this over the page! But most of the new committee's work will be going into delivering the council's Environmental Action Plan. You can see a copy of this on our website and it describes over 40 separate things the council can and will be doing. We will be reporting our progress - or the barriers to progress - on a regular basis.



## Full Council meeting dates

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on the following Tuesdays:

**17 September 2019    15 October 2019    19 November 2019    21 January 2020**  
**18 February 2020    17 March 2020    21 April 2020    19 May 2020**

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