



June 2021

Welcome to the June 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.

# New Mayor for Ripley

**At the Annual Meeting of Ripley Town Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the new Ripley Mayor was elected.**

Ripley Town Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Roland Emmas-Williams has been elected to the office of Mayor of Ripley for one year. The new Deputy Mayor is Councillor Nigel Weaving.

Councillor Emmas-Williams lives in Ripley with his wife and Consort, Mrs. Sheila Emmas-Williams. Many people will already know the Emmas-Williams' as both have been Mayor of Ripley before. This is Cllr Roland Emmas-Williams' fourth term as Mayor of Ripley.

The Mayor has chosen two local charities to support during his term in office. They are Midland Railway Trust and Butterley Ironworks Trust. He has a keen interest in the history of Ripley and its wonderful heritage and tourism.

Cllr. Emmas-Williams said, 'It is a privilege and honour to have been elected as the Mayor of Ripley Township for the ensuing year. I look forward to meeting people from all parts of the Township.'

He added, 'I hope that the residents and local businesses across the Township recover from the Covid pandemic and I wish to pass on my deepest condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones to this terrible virus'.

As Covid restrictions ease over the coming months, and local groups, businesses, schools, and charities can hold meetings and events, the Mayor and his Consort look forward to attending local engagements.

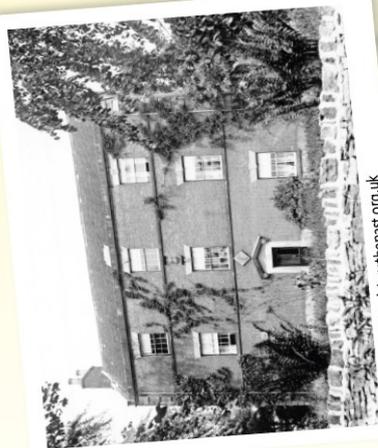
If you would like the Mayor to attend your event, please send a formal invitation to: The Town Clerk, Ripley Town Council, 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF or email [townclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)



Left: Mayor of Ripley, Cllr. Roland Emmas-Williams pictured with Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Nigel Weaving

# Welcome to Waingroves

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



Waingroves Hall © picturethepast.org.uk

**The first known reference to the village is when land at "Waingriff" was granted for "perpetual almsgiving"** (meaning that the rent was used to support the poor) by Ralph Fitz-Stephen in 1147. The land was held by Henry of Waingriff.

The Zouch family of Codnor Castle were given the land after the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII and the first reference to "Waingroves" was after his death in 1586.

The site of the manor was later used for the construction of what would become known as Waingroves Hall. The hall does not appear to incorporate any remains of the manor house of the Knights Hospitallers, but there is a stone on the rear of the hall with the Knights Hospitallers crest that is believed to be from the original building. The earliest fragments of the hall date from 1690, with most of the house dating from 1800 when the house was rebuilt for Richard Clayton.

The village grew during the second half of the 1800s with the opening of the colliery in 1859. There was a single 10ft diameter shaft and associated headworks. The Butterley Company also built rows of cottages on Church Street. When the mine flooded during the miners' strike of 1921 it never re-opened. The colliery is commemorated by a wonderful sculpture of miners on the site of the pit shaft in Waingroves Community Woodland.



© Waingroves Community Woodland Trust

**The colliery was served by a branch line from the Ripley to Heanor railway,** with a station for passengers at the bottom of the village at Crosshill. This opened in 1890 and closed in 1926. The effects of the new tramway to Nottingham and the cheap fares, the disruption of the First World War and finally the General Strike were too much for this line.

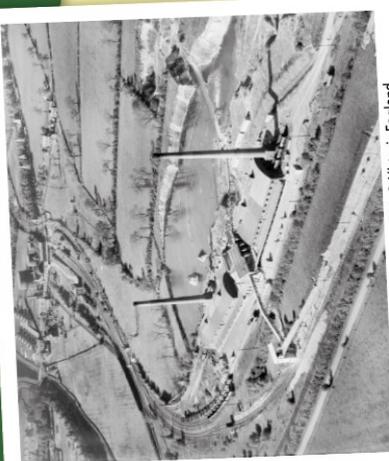


Crosshill Station © picturethepast.org.uk

**There were few buildings on Waingroves Road above Jessop Street until after 1900,** but there were four pubs in the village until the mid 20th century: The Windmill at the top of the village, Jolly Colliers and Thorn Tree around the middle of the village and the Britannia at the bottom.



The Windmill Inn. Around 1890 © picturethepast.org.uk



Waingroves Brickworks from above 1936 © Historic England

**Brick-making was a common industry in the Ripley area in the 1800s;** Ripley Dannah Street School and Porterhouse Road are built on brickwork sites. In the late 19th century there was a brickworks between Pit Lane and Queen Street in Waingroves.

The much larger Waingroves Brickworks, part of the Butterley Company, provided much needed employment after the closure of the pit. The works re-opened with new machinery in 1918, but it was 1921 before it was fully operational. A fully automated plant was installed in 1962 producing half a million red facing and engineering bricks a week. 400 million bricks were produced before the brickworks closed in 2006.

**A vivid portrait of the village in the 1920s and 1930s** can be found in the novels of Walter Brierley, a Waingroves born miner who wrote about his experience of unemployment in "Means Test Man" and "Sandwich Man".



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# Events 2021 update

As you will appreciate, it has been difficult for us to deliver our usual events so far this year. However, we are hopeful that, subject to government guidelines and permission from Amber Valley Borough Council for some events, we will be able to bring the following events to you this year:

**Ripley's Big Day Out at Midland Railway Butterley** - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

**Ripley Community Wool Bombing** - 22<sup>nd</sup> August - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Bands on Crossley Park** - 25th July, 8th Aug, 22nd Aug, 30th Aug, 5th Sept & 19th Sept.

**Outdoor Cinema (Grease)** - TBC September 2021

**Christmas Light Switch on** - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021    **Christmas Market** - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021



## 2021 Best Kept Garden & Allotment Competition

Do you have a garden or allotment that you are proud of?

**ENTER NOW!**

Contact us for an entry form (details on back page), or enter at [www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk)



Deadline for entries: 16 July 2021.  
Judging will take place on Saturday 31 July 2021

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

Thanks to Central England Cooperative for supporting this competition

**Ripley is open!**

**SHOP RIPLEY**

**SHOP SAFE**

All shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants are open!

Please get behind our local shops and businesses by supporting them where you can.

**HANDS - FACE - SPACE**

Information correct at the time of going to print

## Certificate of Merit

### Award 2021



Do you know someone in the Ripley Township\* 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 organise activities to benefit local people or causes?

**Send us your nomination today!**

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

Nominate from the home page of [www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or contact Ripley Town Council for a form.



Deadline for applications: 1st September 2021

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

# River Starts Here Project update



## A drier path for people and water for wildlife on Ripley Greenway – our work continues.

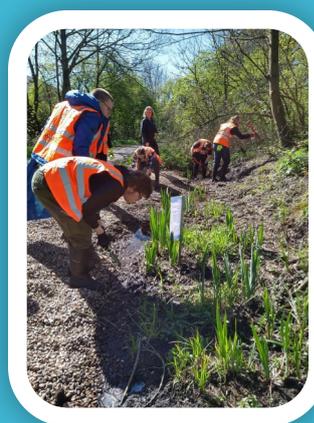
What an exciting day 22<sup>nd</sup> April was. We planted the mini-wetland, which we started back in 2019, and added to this wildlife habitat by creating a hibernaculum. This little wetland provides habitat for aquatic plants and animals passing along the brook and the newly created hibernaculum provides homes for insects and amphibians, such as newts and frogs.

Seven young people from Derbyshire Adult Community Education Services (DACES) had a fun day helping us create this new home for wildlife.

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, we held our Covid-compliant volunteer day to seed and plant the swales, with volunteers from the general public and The Friends of Ripley Greenway.

Our work hasn't finished yet. In the near future, we will be installing permanent interpretation signs on the Greenway to explain the benefit of this work and where this fits with our wider The River Starts Here! project.

Throughout this project we have worked closely with Derbyshire County Council who own the land and the Friends of Ripley Greenway, and we have been strongly supported by Ripley Town Council. Would you like to get involved in our work in the future on the Greenway? Email: [scott@trentrivertrust.org](mailto:scott@trentrivertrust.org) for more information.





# Ripley Music Festival

## 3-11 July 2021

**FREE  
ENTRY  
AT ALL  
VENUES**

All venues are in Ripley unless otherwise stated

- 3rd The Honey Pot (at The Beehive Inn) 18:00...Crossroads(Clapton/Cream tribute)
- 5th The Three Horseshoes.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC
- 6th The Three Horseshoes.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC
- 7th The Three Horseshoes.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC
- 8th The Pear Tree.....19:30....Kelly's Heroes
- 8th The Three Horseshoes.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC
- 9th The Pear Tree.....19:30....LickSquid
- 9th The George.....TIME TBC..Open mic night
- 9th The Thorn Tree.....TIME TBC..Zephyr
- 9th The Three Horseshoes.....20:00....Twisted Biscuit
- 10th The Holly Bush, Marehay.....21:00....Lords of Valhalla
- 10th The Honey Pot (at The Beehive Inn)..18:00....Dizzy Lizzy (Thin Lizzy tribute)
- 10th The Three Horseshoes.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC
- 10th The Pear Tree.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC
- 10th 'Folk in the Wood', Waingroves Woodland.....13:00-18:00 line up:

Ian Sallis (guitar/vocal) | Bob Stokes (Irish Folk guitar/vocal) | Steve Cresswell & Phil Howe (guitar/vocal duo) | Andy White (guitar/vocal) | Michael Martin (Cannon - guitar/vocal) | Midnight Shift Rockability Band | Matt Meakin (guitar/vocal) | The Rogue Embers (Country folk rock band) | Acorn Roots (folk/rock/Celtic/punk & ska) | PLUS The Black Pig Border Morris will be entertaining with their unique song and dance. Food & drink available - serving freshly filled cobs, pork pies & pints.

- 11th The Pear Tree.....19:00....No Damn Clue
- 11th The Three Horseshoes.....TIME TBC..BAND TBC

**KEEP AN EYE ONE THE RIPLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL FACEBOOK PAGE &  
RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!**

**Unfortunatley, the Crossley Park events won't be going ahead this year,  
but we hope to have them back next year!**

## Ripley Music Festival is back!

After cancelling last year's festival because of Covid-19, Ripley Music Festival is back this year, but with a slimmed-down programme of live music performance.

Ripley Music Festival Chair, Steve Freeborn said, 'It's great to be back again, but it's a great shame that we have had to cancel the big events in Crossley Park. There were simply too many responsibilities for the Ripley Music Festival Committee to take on to ensure a 100% covid safe time for everyone'.

He added, 'All the classical music events have been lost too because the orchestras and choirs have not been able to get together to rehearse. But we will back next year with a bigger and better festival. Meanwhile, we do have live music being hosted by a number of our local pubs. Entrance is free to all, so please enjoy'.

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