



Ripley Town Council



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November 2023

Welcome to the November 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 CHRISTMAS MARKET & LIGHTS SWITCH ON



**SUN
26
NOV
2023**

- Free carousel rides
- Free children's rides
- Free face painting
- Free entertainment
- Food & Drink
- Stalls from local independent businesses
- Amber Sound FM
- Performances from local groups
- Costumed characters
- Father Christmas will be there all day

12 midday - 6.30pm

Ripley Market Place,
Ripley, DE5 3BT

5pm

Christmas Light Switch on
followed by a Carol service



**FREE
Event**

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT
WWW.RIPLEYTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Christmas is coming!

We are thrilled to host this popular, annual event later this month for all our community to enjoy.

Yes - Ripley's famous 'waving' snowman will be back!

Father Christmas will be in his grotto from around 12.30pm until the end of the event. He's looking forward to meeting all the children, wondering if they will be on his naughty or good list this year.

We have many local, independent businesses coming along selling gifts, food and drink as well as exhibits from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue and Derbyshire Police. Plus, free rides and face painting for children and free carousel rides for everyone to enjoy.

We will also be entertained by Ripley Academy of Dance at 1pm and JL Academy Choir at 2.30pm.

We cannot wait to welcome you to our Christmas Market and Lights Switch on!

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2023 Garden and Allotment winners

At the end of September, the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Paul Lobley BEM presented the winners and runners up of the competition with their prize at a reception held at the Coop in Ripley.

We are thankful to the Central Coop Membership for supporting this competition and for hosting the presentation.

The winners of each category received a Coop voucher for the value of £50 and the runners up received £25.

As usual, the standard of the entries judged was high and our independent judges, Irene Bates and Caroline Pollard had really tough jobs.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition this year and congratulations to our finalists.

Photographs of the winning areas judged, can be found on the Ripley Town Council website.

Do you have a garden, allotment, school garden, community space or business floral display that you are proud of? If so, enter the 2024 competition - it's open to all Ripley Township residents! Details can be found below.



Winners and runners up receiving their prizes from the Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Paul Lobley BEM

Best Community Garden

Winners: Ripley Wild Flowerers
Runners up: Grow Outside CIC

Best School Garden

Joint winners:
Ripley St. John's Primary School and
Lons Infant School

Best Large Garden

Winner: Jill and Ray Sellars (Nether Heage)
Runner up: Carole Taylor-Cockayne (Ambergate)

Best Small Garden

Winner: Nigel Wooller (Ambergate)
Runner up: Anne and Brian Caulton-Jones (Marehay)

Best Allotment

Winner: Sharon Martin (Heage Parkside Allotment)
Runner up: Emma Booth (Pit Lane Allotment)

Congratulations!

Ripley Town Council
**Best Kept Garden
& Allotment
Competition 2024**

Sponsored by
central **COOP**
membership

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!

www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Entry deadline: Sunday 30 June 2024

Judging for schools will take place on Wed 3 July 2024
Judging for other categories will be on Sat 20 July 2024

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 PAUL LOBLEY BEM
MAYOR OF RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Welcome to the latest Mayors message.

As I go to various engagements across the township, one of the questions I am often asked is, "How do you become Town Mayor?"

The first step is to put yourself forward in the local Town Council elections to represent your local community. This is a voluntary role which attracts no payment or expenses. It is invariably undertaken by local Town Councillors to support and promote the wellbeing of the people in their area. Town Councillors work as individuals addressing local concerns, together in committees to focus on specific topics and as a Full Council to do their best to benefit the whole community.

In May each year the Full Council elects one of the serving Town Councillors to take up the role of the Town Mayor and one to act as Deputy Mayor. In addition to responding to day to day issues raised by their local residents, the civic remit of Mayor is quite wide and varied. It includes Chairing the monthly Council meetings and being involved in Council Committees. The most visible role of the Mayor, however, is to be the public face of the Town Council at a variety of engagements.



Pictured with local band, LickSquid

Since writing the last Mayor's message, I have been to almost 20 separate events to help raise the profile of those organisations and Ripley Town Council. These included Ambergate Carnival, Marehay Show, Waingroves Show, the Wellbeing Singing Group, Ripley Nursery, Amber Valley CVS, a Scout Archaeology excavation at St John's School, Smartmove's 19th birthday celebration, a Macmillan event at the local allotments (where we had the pleasure of meeting the "Potty Plotters") and being involved in judging the best school garden competition, not to mention the excellent Band in the Park events sponsored by the Town Council.



I have also visited a number of Ripley traders to get their ideas on how we can help to revitalise the Town. I intend to visit more in the near future. Probably one of the most memorable events was spending a whole day going round an amazing variety of gardens and allotments in the pouring rain with a professional judge to decide who would win the prizes this year.

Whilst challenging, it is immensely enjoyable to meet so many dedicated people and be able to officially recognise their contributions to our thriving society. They are all a huge credit to our local community and deserve our thanks.

Community Matters

News from Ripley and District Twinning Association

They are pleased to report that in July this year, they welcomed a small delegation from Chateau-Renault - our twinned town in France, after a break of four years due to the pandemic.

The party came by ferry from Dieppe to Newhaven, where they stayed overnight before setting off for Ripley the following day. They were met by their host families to 'greet and meet' their dear friends in the Co-op car park.

An evening meal was arranged for Saturday evening at The Village Inn, Upper Marehay, where all members were invited to attend the meal. This was thoroughly enjoyed by their French guests and members of the Twinning Association.



After their stay in Ripley, their French friends drove to the Snowdonia area in Wales, to spend the rest of the week, before returning to France. It is hoped that people from Ripley will be able to visit Chateau-Renault in 2024.

If anyone is interested in joining the Ripley and District Twinning Association, please contact the Secretary, Councillor Roland Emmas-Williams on 01773 746543, for further information.

Speed Indicator Device slows down motorists in Sawmills

In August, 2023, Ripley Town Council installed a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Sawmills, near Ambergate. This was after residents expressed concerns to their local Ripley Town Councillor, Nigel Weaving and Derbyshire County Councillor, Paul Moss, about vehicles regularly exceeding the 30mph as they drove along the A610 through the village.



Pictured with the Speed Indicator Device located on the A610 in Sawmills is Councillor Nigel Weaving and Councillor Paul Moss.

The SID accurately measures the speed of oncoming vehicles and displays this value to the driver, along with a green, smiley face if their speed is 30mph or below and a red, sad and even an angry face if their speed exceeds the 30mph limit.

Residents have reported that they have noticed vehicles significantly slowing down when they approach the SID, thus reducing the risk of accidents in their village.

The device was purchased through funding provided by the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Ripley Town Council are in the process of applying for more funding for a second device. The SID can then be moved to more locations throughout the Ripley Township.

We are hoping the next location will be Waingroves Road, Waingroves towards the end of the year, to deter motorists from speeding in that village.

SHOP  Shop
LOCAL  Ripley

Supported by Ripley Town Council



Please support local businesses

Community Matters

Ripley Wool Bombing on the TV!

We hope you were able to see the trees in Crossley Park and Ripley Market Place when they were wonderfully decorated with wool bombs between 1st September to 15th October 2023.

Local groups, schools, businesses and individuals excelled themselves yet again, to bring vibrancy to our community. Thank you to everyone involved.

When the wool bombs were first installed, ITV contacted Ripley Town Council asking if they could come and film them for a competition segment on their daytime programmes, 'This Morning' and 'Loose Women'.

A crew from ITV and presenter, Daisy Payne came along to Ripley one beautiful, sunny Tuesday. They met with two lovely wool bombing volunteers, Julie and Sheila who chatted with Daisy and showed her how to knit. Thank you to them and to Infusion Tea House on Church Street in Ripley, for hosting them in their beautiful courtyard.



Ripley Wool Bomb volunteers Sheila (left) and Julie (right) with ITV presenter, Daisy Payne (centre).

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- We are the Community Bank for anyone who lives or works in Derbyshire.
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- We enable our members to manage their money well.
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- We keep our members updated consistently via Newsletters & Social Media.

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Prepare for the Festive Season by **Opening a Christmas Saver.**

Scan our QR Code for more information.



The crew also went to Crossley Park to film some of the wool bombs there. The park looked as good on screen as it does in real life!

We will be pausing the Wool Bombing project for a year as we have something new for our community to get involved with in 2024. More about that in due course. All we can say for now is, please start saving plant pots!

Community Matters

Come along to our weekly

Warm Wednesdays

10am - 2pm

starting

Wednesday 1st November 2023

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

FREE 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.

Disabled access

Baby changing facilities

Free car parking

Warm Wednesdays are supported by Ripley Town Council, the Mayor of Ripley's Fund, the Members Community Leadership Fund at Derbyshire County Council, NAVCA and Foundation Derbyshire



www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01773 513456



Warm Wednesdays are back!

Last year, Ripley Town Council introduced 'Warm Wednesdays' as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. We wanted to provide a warm space for members of our community to come along to, to socialise and have a free hot meal so they could turn the heating off in their home for a few hours and try to save some money in the process.

We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended our weekly session at Greenwich Community Sports Hub each week between November 2022 and March 2023. We are extremely grateful to our wonderful volunteers, without whom we wouldn't be able to hold Warm Wednesdays.

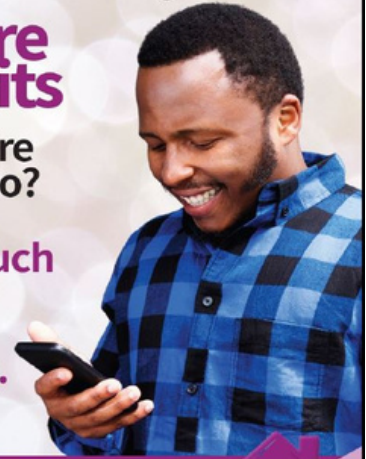
We are inviting members of our community who will benefit from attending our warm space, to come along again this winter. Please see the post above for more information.

We are thankful to the organisations mentioned above for providing financial assistance to enable us to carry on Warm Wednesdays again this Winter. Information correct at the time of going to print.



Could you be missing out on **welfare benefits** that you're entitled to?

Get in touch for a benefits check up.



Don't miss out. Visit:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/welfarebenefits



HELPING YOU WITH THE COST OF LIVING

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**.

Funded by Ripley Town Council.



For urgent advice call our freephone Adviceline **0808 278 7954**

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

citizens advice

Derbyshire Districts



Environmental Matters

5 SMALL ACTS WITH BIG IMPACTS TO SAVE OUR EARTH

1 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow The Three Rs to conserve natural resources and landfill space.



2



Shop Wisely

Buy less plastics and bring reusable shopping bags.

3



Conserve Water

The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the sea.

4



Plant More Trees

Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.

5



Don't Throw Chemicals Into Waterways

Choose non-toxic chemicals in the home and office. Use biodegradable chemicals for daily needs.

Heage Village Litter Pick



Regular litter pickup

Now Started

Come And Join Us ...
1st Saturday of every month
(Unless there's snow on the ground)

Outside The Eagle Tavern 10:00
Pick for an hour

Finish at the St Luke's church for ...

Free Tea & Cake



Equipment Donated By
Ripley Town Council

Working To Improve Our Public Spaces

Waingroves Community Association

Waingroves Litter Pick

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

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

Saturday 18th November 2023

Saturday 16th December 2023

Saturday 13th January 2024

Saturday 17th February 2024

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



Have you seen an obstruction on a Public Right of Way (PRoW)?

If so, please report it to Derbyshire County Council. Obstructions on public rights of way present a serious problem to users. Common problems include:

- barbed wire across paths
- buildings / fencing
- ploughed and cropped paths
- overgrown hedges / encroachment
- stiles and gates in disrepair

Report issues by calling
Derbyshire County Council
on 01629 533190 or via their
website
www.derbyshire.gov.uk



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 14th November 2023 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7pm

Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7pm

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7pm



Hire Greenwich

Ripley
Recreation Ground
Charity

Community Sports Hub

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

Facilities:

Capacity - 50-80 seated depending on table layout for dinners, buffets, 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



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