



# Kingsteignton Town Council

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Mayor's Charity 2021/2022  
Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club

*Wishing all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



Due to continuing concern with COVID the Town Council have decided that this year they will not hold their Mayor's Civic Carol Service or the Outdoor Carol Singing. We would, however, like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are hoping that we will be able to hold our Carol Services as normal in 2022.

## Remembrance Day—11 November

Once again the WI have displayed their wonderful Poppy Display at The Fountain to commemorate Remembrance Day. Poppy wreaths were placed on the bollards, garlands and the words "Lest We Forget" were

placed on the benches, poppies on sticks were placed in the planters and a large framed sheet of poppies covered the mosaic in commemoration of the horses and all of the animals that lost their lives in WWI and WWII. The purple poppies represented the animals and the white poppies represented the conscientious objectors who

refused to fight but went into the trenches as stretcher bearers and tended to the wounded.



## Shine a light in memory of a loved one this Christmas

Rowcroft Hospice is inviting the local community to take part in its "Light up a Life" celebration by honouring and remembering the lives of loved ones lost. Throughout November and December you can make a dedication in memory of a loved one and with a small donation to Rowcroft, you can help the hospice to care for local patients and families who are facing the hardest times imaginable this Christmas.

"Light up a Life is for everyone wishing to remember a loved one, not just those families cared for by Rowcroft and invites everyone to dedicate a light on our "Tree of Light", in memory of those special people who shine brightly in your heart and who are truly missed every day.

The stunning Tree of Light, which nestles in the hospice's beautiful garden in Torquay, will sparkle with hundreds of lights, glittering like jewels in memory of loved ones.

To find out more about Light up a Life or make a dedication, visit [www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/light](http://www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/light) or telephone 01803 217642.



## ST MICHAELS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL—BRING A CAN, SEND A COW

Harvest celebrations at St Michael's Primary School this year, was a "double whammy", with the school's second annual Harvest event on Thursday 14 October, and the whole school, virtual Harvest Celebration with St Michael's Church and Father Mark, sharing songs and prayers on Friday 15 October 2021.



Thursday 14 October the school held a fundraising "Fun Day". Children dressed as animals and brought in food donations for the local HITS Teignbridge Foodbank. Not only this, parents and carers were invited to donate to the Send a Cow Charity via an on-line Just Giving page. To add a further incentive to donate on-line people were invited to leave their name to enter a prize draw for a £50 meal voucher donated by Riverford Field Kitchen. Massive thanks to Riverford Field Kitchen. Children learned that Send a Cow began in Devon 30 years ago during the time of the milk surplus and butter mountains. Local farmers met a visiting VIP from Uganda and realised that the Devon cows would be better used in Africa, and so sent some cows to Uganda by plane!

Nowadays, livestock is not transported to Africa, but money and education on sustainable, small scale farming techniques are.



More locally HITS Teignbridge foodbank provides food and other essentials to people in and around Teignbridge who are struggling, and finding themselves in food poverty.

"We are a Silver Rights Respecting School," says Mrs Buff, the United Nations Rights Respecting Lead at St Michael's "and we have used our 'Bring a Can, Send a Cow' to focus on three main UN Rights of

the Child. To put it briefly: Articles 24—the right to clean water and health food, 26—the right to grow up in full safety and security, 31 the right to play and relax".

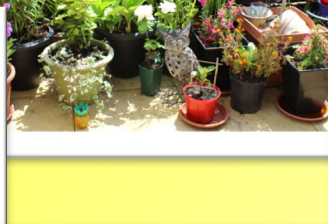
"As a Church School, we have worked with the children's Ethos Group to bring this about. The Ethos Group includes members of our Board of Governors, or Head of School, and our Rights Respecting Ambassadors, supported by our Rights and Worship Leads" said Mrs Twiggs (RE and Worship Lead) "We worked with the children to identify which of our Christian Values were shown through our Harvest Celebrations and came up with Friendship and Compassion as the two to focus on".

"Last year's event was such a success, and we all had such fun, that the children wanted to do the same again, but this year they decided that we should all come dressed as animals."

"We are proud of our Rights Children and always make sure that they know that their voice is heard and where ever possible acted upon." said Mrs Arnold, Head of School. "We work hard to provide an environment where children can flourish and develop to their fullest potential, working together, growing together, confident and resilient."



# Kingsteignton in Bloom 2021



The sun shone for the residents of Kingsteignton who took part in this year's Kingsteignton In Bloom Competition. The presentation of Cups and Awards by Cllr Ron Peart and Cllr Alex Brotherton took place on Wednesday 18 August 2021 in the garden of the Old Rydon Inn.

First prize winners received a cup, certificate and a Garden Centre voucher, second and third place winners received a certificate and a Garden Centre Voucher. Following the presentation a buffet was enjoyed by all who attended. Winners were:

**Best Small Garden:** 1st Jackie Pym; 2nd Lee Denmead; 3rd Graham Dunn

**Best Large Garden:** 1st Colin Down; 2nd John & Sandra Ellis; Elizabeth & Michael Thompson

**Best Senior Citizens Garden:** 1st Colin Down; 2nd John & Sandra Ellis; 3rd Elizabeth & Michael Thompson

**Best Vegetable Garden:** 1st Barbara Harder; 2nd Reg & Ann Mugford

**Best Group of Hanging Baskets or Window Boxes:** 1st Tony McKeever; 2nd Iveta Kennard; 3rd Mr and Mrs A Parker

**Best Single Container:** 1st Lee Denmead; Sandra Davis; Jo & John Payne

**Best Group of Containers:** 1st Bryn Harris; 2nd Neil Foley; 3rd Roy & Cherry Shapland

**Best Environmental/Sustainable Garden:** Lucy Evans

**Discretionary Judges Award for the Most Outstanding Garden Style:** Carole Menzies

## CHAPTER 8 TRAINING FOR KTC STAFF & STRIMMER QUALIFICATION

Mr Turner and Mr Lewis have undertaken their Chapter 8 training which enables them to carry out works within our town. They have also renewed their Strimmer Qualification.

Using the Chapter 8 training they have been around the town and have cleared the footpath down from Five Lanes to the Sandygate Inn. This was extremely overgrown.



## FAREWELL TO COUNCILLORS ALEX KHAN, IMOGEN LAWS, DAVE ROLLASON AND ROB BOVEY

We would like to give our sincere thanks to four former Councillors, who for various reasons have resigned from the Council, and will be missed for the contributions they made.

Mr Dave Rollason joined the Council in 2013 and served as Mayor in total for four years; Mr Rob Bovey joined the Council in 2015 and Mr Alex Khan and Mrs Laws joined the Council in 2019.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLORS

We are pleased to welcome two new Councillors to our team, Councillors John Stacey and Martin Field.

Councillor John Stacey is a returning member having served on the Council for several years in the past and also having worked for the Council as our Finance Officer. We are looking forward to having John as part of our team.

We welcome Cllr Martin Field who is employed by a local company based in Newton Abbot as an Electrical Contracts Manager and has been with this Company for over three decades. His wife is employed as a Child Care Manager within a Pre-School in Kingsteignton. In his youth and late teens he was a long standing volunteer of the St John's Ambulance Brigade. In 1996 with his young family he moved to Kingsteignton and has never looked back. The reason he applied for the position of a Councillor is because he has a passion for improving the town of Kingsteignton in any way he can for future generations. He recycles as much as possible within his home and hopes to make Kingsteignton as green as possible without impacting on our enjoyable daily lives. We look forward to having Martin as part of our team.

## Road Warden Scheme

The Town Council are interested to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to join a Road Warden Scheme, as a volunteer, to help with filling potholes etc., in the Town and giving the Town a clean and tidy.

The Scheme allows communities to be able to carry out minor works which Devon County Council are no longer able to resource and do not have a legal responsibility to carry out. The type of work that can be done by the Road Warden Volunteers is pothole repairs, when they do not meet DCC intervention criteria; clearing weeds; cleaning signs; cleaning drainage, gully grating; cutting grass; repairing finger posts; cutting hedges; setting up a road closure for special events and managing verges for wildlife.

A road warden volunteer will assist with carrying out works. The training and qualification requirements depend on the work that is planned

If you are interested you can read about the scheme on the Devon County Council website <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme>.

Anyone who is interested should contact the Town Clerk at [clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk)



## Proposed Kingsteignton Wildlife Trail



As part of Action for Climate in Teignbridge (ACT), a community initiative to improve wildlife has been created called Wildlife Wardens. In Kingsteignton we have three wardens, Hanna, Samantha and Mel who recently met with Kingsteignton Town Councillors at their



November meeting to discuss a nature trail idea. This is still in development but we are thinking about enhancing areas for wildlife with creating wildflower areas and other ideas including education signs. Look out for how to get involved with this (via Facebook, posters and newsletter articles) as we would love to get a team of volunteers (adults and children) to make this happen in our parish.

## A warm hello from Teign u3a

Following the end of the Lockdown rules, Teign u3a want to encourage our members living in and around Kingsteignton to enjoy the return of the activities. We are also looking for new members who will come and join us. Anyone over the age of 55, who is not in full-time employment, and who would be interested in pursuing an active and positive retirement, is very welcome.

The u3a offers an information self-help style of learning and socialising, to people on their own, as well as to couples. Anyone, from all walks of life, whatever their background, can benefit from participating in the activities offered by our members. As we re-connect, we have confirmation that at least 25 of our interest groups will be starting up again in September. In fact, our walking groups have already been out and about in the Devon countryside with a spot of lunch too. Our regular coffee mornings are happening again at various locations with around twenty members present. Believe me, there's so much shared and discovered over a cup of coffee and an informal natter.

Almost all of our activities take place during the day and on weekdays. We meet regularly at the Courtenay Centre in Newton Abbot, for interest groups, committee meetings, and monthly get-togethers where we listen to a guest speaker. We try to arrange venues that are situated near a bus stop to enable members who do not have a car to attend. We also share information, ideas, and suggestions via our monthly email newsletter or by post for members without online access.

During Lockdown when meeting face to face was impossible, we used the medium of Zoom to visit the Arctic, look at the beauty spots of the Southwest, hear about the plight of the wolves in Yellowstone Park, Medical Detection Dogs, a history of Gilbert and Sullivan, and how we can help keep Newton Abbot plastic-free. Going forward and with your safety in mind, you can enjoy meeting up face to face. We offer card games, a book club, music appreciation, practice at speaking European languages, painting, photography, craft skills, table tennis and for those with an interest in History we have three groups, who like our Questers group, visit places of interest in the area.



If you would like to find out more, please phone **07342 794 793** or email [member-ship@teignu3a.org.uk](mailto:member-ship@teignu3a.org.uk) or visit [www.teignu3a.org.uk](http://www.teignu3a.org.uk)



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**Office Open Hours:** 9:30am -12:30pm Monday—Friday (NB: the office is closed to the public at present but phones and emails will be answered).

## OFFICE STAFF:

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## TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

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## DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

Ron Peart 01626 362260

**Council Meetings:** All Council committee meetings are held in the Main Hall at present, at the Community Hall and start at **7pm**

**Full Council**—1st Wednesday of the month

**Finance**—2nd Wednesday in the month

**Community Hall/Recreation** - 3rd Wednesday in the month

**Works, Services & Planning**—3rd Wednesday in the month

*Members of the public are welcome to attend committee meetings, however, should you wish to participate prior permission is to be sought.*

## MAYOR'S WELCOME MESSAGE—Councillor Ron Peart—November 2021

This year has past us by very quickly. We made a decision not to hold the Mayors Carol Service this year as our main hall is not big enough for those who attend. We have managed to carry on with council meetings on line and now face-to-face in the main hall to allow for social distancing. We are moving forward with our plans for Clifford Park where we are adding more play equipment and work should start next year. We have applied for a Grant from Viridor Land Credits who will look at our proposal and the site. We have set up a working group to discuss new signage to the gateways of our town reflecting our history and the clay mining which has played a big part in Kingsteignton heritage. We are working on ways to reduce our carbon footprint and to help our wildlife by planting more trees and hedgerows. I attended the Royal British Legion Remembrance Parade with my wife on Sunday 14 November which set off at 10.15am and marched to St Michael's Church War Memorial. We passed The Fountain were members of Kingsteignton Post Meridian WI had created an amazing display of over 2000 handcrafted poppies. Kingsteignton Town Council would like to thank all involved in this display. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay safe and if you know anyone who will be on their own pay them a visit or send them a card. Christmas can be a lonely time.



**Mayor, Councillor** *Ron Peart*

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR REPORTING ISSUES

**STREET LIGHTING:** *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

**POTHOLE:** *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

**ROADS AND PAVEMENTS:** *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

**OVERGROWTH ON BOUNDARIES:** *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

**DRAINAGE:** *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

**DOG FOULING INCIDENTS:** *Environmental Hotline*: 0800 328 6402

**FLOODING, SANDBAGS, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, (OUT OF HOURS) PLEASE CONTACT:**

**TDC EMERGENCY LINE** 01395 516854 or TDC 01626 361101 (during office hours)

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** 0344 411 1444