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KTC's DECLARATION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY CRISIS

Kingsteignton Town Council — DECLARES CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Climate Change impacts on all aspects of modern life. Kingsteignton Town Council (KTC) has joined thousands of other councils in the UK in declaring a Climate Emergency. Kingsteignton is a small council with limited powers. Therefore, we are focussing our attention in the areas most likely to gain most traction.

The Council's own activities impact on climate change through our carbon footprint. KTC has already undertaken a range of actions to reduce or offset our own carbon footprint. These include the following:-

Single Use Plastics	Banning single use on all Council premises where possible
Paperless Office	Moving towards paperless administration and meetings Developing the new KTC website to make information easily accessible online
Solar Panels	Commissioning solar panels to be fitted on the KTC Community Hall
Electric Vehicles	Installing electrical vehicle charging points on council premises Planning to replace diesel vans with electric vehicles when the current vehicles reach the end of their serviceable life
Biodiversity	Increasing biodiversity on verges and open spaces maintained by KTC by introducing 'No Mow Zones' adopting the widely recognised cut-less – cut-later approach to verge maintenance
Tree Planting	To align with regional and national initiatives, KTC are: Planning large scale tree-planting on Council and partner-owned land Sourcing and providing trees for members of the public to plant themselves
Local Produce	Investigating opportunities for additional allotments and wild-forage planting

Alongside these actions that are within council influence, KTC are lobbying and campaigning for regional and national organisations to play their part too. These include the following:-

Non-motorised Traffic	Discussions with Devon County Council for options to improve cycling and pedestrian safety in the Town. These include:- Creation of additional footpaths and cycle-paths where possible Adoption of 20mph speed limits - especially around schools
Built Environment	KTC is not a planning authority but we do make recommendations to Teignbridge District Council on planning applications. These recommendations now include the requirement for:- New Buildings to be low carbon, energy and water efficient New Developments to include rainwater catchment management best practise and community gardens
Ethical Sourcing	Encouraging and favouring suppliers of goods and services to adopt best practice. Local sourcing / Fair-trade / Organic / Bio-degradable / Low carbon / Fair employment practises etc.

Other ideas being considered include:-

Farmers Market, Crop Swap and a Public Event to raise awareness and share ideas. We welcome input from members of the public.

To discuss these and other initiatives, please contact the Kingsteignton Town Council Climate Emergency Co-ordinator, Councillor Alex Khan by E-mail: cllr.khan@kingsteignton.gov.uk

Compiled by: Councillor Alex Khan, February 2020 on behalf of **Kingsteignton Town Council**

FINANCIAL INCREASES—REASONING FOR 2020/21

For the 2020/21 Financial Year, the Kingsteignton Town Council Finance Committee approved an increase of 2.5% to the Annual Precept. This is the amount due to the Kingsteignton Town Council from their section of the Teignbridge Council Tax Bill.

The reasoning for this increase is to keep up with inflation and to ensure enough funds are available in order to maintain our current programme of improvements and the taking over of further services being devolved down to our level, the Town Council felt this was the minimum level of increase that could be made.

The effect of this will raise the annual amount due per Band D Household from £57.54 to £58.98 which is an increase of £1.44 per year or approximately £0.03p per week. This increase will help defray some of the costs created by the Town Council's continued endeavour to provide first class amenities at the Community Hall. Last year's programme saw further improvements including the installation of an air conditioning system at the Community Hall.

In the Town we have carried out improvement works at the Fountain, installed CCTV at Oakford Lawn and at Clifford Park, a Skatepark ramp and other games equipment at Clifford Park and created a landing area for the Devon Air Ambulance. We have again retained a part-time contractor to maintain the clearance of the Leats' and Pathways etc.

The Town Council will continue to actively look at ways to improve the facilities in Kingsteignton with projects like Bus Shelters, Dog & Waste Bin sites, Notice Boards and Seating continuing to need attention.

They also hope to work more closely with both Teignbridge District and Devon County Councils to try and improve those areas where they have no jurisdiction, i.e. Roads, Waterways, Footpaths etc. Work is ongoing with regards to participation in the Devon County Council Road Warden Scheme during 2020.

Philip Banner, Finance Officer

Kingsteignton Town Council



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

It is with regret, that this annual event will not be able to take place this April, due to Government guidelines during the Coronavirus pandemic. We ask you to please accept our sincere apologies.

PLEASE KEEP OUR TOWN CLEAN AND TIDY

At the Council Offices we continually get complaints about overhanging branches, overgrown hedges and shrubs and general neglect of residents properties spilling out onto the public highways. Please may we ask you again to be responsible for your vegetation on your property, whether you rent or own it, it is your responsibility. Failing to do so, you may incur charges from Devon County Council for clearing it. Also, please do not throw your cuttings over the other side of your boundary. If you have a green bin, please use it, if not, take it to the TDC re-cycling centre in Brunel Road, Newton Abbot. May we thank residents who do this already!

DOG OWNERS: PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND USE THE BINS PROVIDED

Again, please may we ask you to be a responsible dog owner and pick up your dogs waste, it's something the dogs cannot do themselves! In and around our town several dog waste bins and normal waste bins (which can also be used) have been provided. All you need is a poo bag, pick it up, tie it up and place it in the bin! It really isn't nice to see or stand in. The dark nights are not an excuse to not adhere to this request. **THANK YOU!**

CLIFFORD PARK LATEST...

Please be advised that in order to comply with the latest Government guidelines - **CLIFFORD PARK & KYC WILL REMAIN CLOSED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**
We really hope that you are able to enjoy the facilities when we re-open them.

New Skate-ramp, Multi-use Games area, Table Tennis table & Ball catcher post & CCTV



Whilst Kingsleigh Park and Priscott Way Park are Teignbridge District Council owned parks, they are in our Town, so may we please ask you to comply with the Government guidelines by not using the play equipment. TDC have put signs up to say that the park will remain closed until further notice. These guidelines have been set to protect you and other people from spreading the Coronavirus. It is believed that the virus can live on some surfaces for up to several days, so if somebody who is infected (who may not be aware that they have it), has touched that surface, it could be passed on to you or your children.

If you venture into any of the parks grass areas for exercise or to exercise your dog, please ensure that you wash your hands thoroughly as soon as you get home. It is also recommended to use a tissue or a glove to lift the lid of the Dog Waste Bin and then dispose of the tissue in a separate open bin afterwards.

Please spend minimal time outside and do not venture out of your town for exercise. Kingsteignton is a fairly large area to exercise in.

We must all join together to fight this pandemic, so that we will be able to go out with friends and family in the future.

Thank you to all who are helping others and to those who are helping fight this awful virus by adhering to these guidelines.

11-17 yrs-old?
Come to KYC!
Fridays 5.30 - 9pm
Kingsteignton Youth Centre
Broadway Rd
Kingsteignton
TQ12 3EH

KYC
FRIDAYS

SUCCESS OF MENTAL HEALTH ROADSHOW AT THE PASSAGE HOUSE HOTEL

Residents of all ages from Kingsteignton and neighbouring areas attended the Mental Health Roadshow back in November 2019 held at the Passage House Hotel. Speakers from several organisations supported the event by making presentations to well attended audiences and by having information available at their stalls. Advice was given on how to recognise issues in those around us, symptoms to look out for, how to obtain help and information, who to contact and most of all to promote to all, that we all need to be more kind and caring to others, offer support, listen to those suffering and let them know that they are not alone. It's ok to talk about it. There is always somebody somewhere who can help.

Mental health issues can happen to anybody at any time. It can be brought on by something minor but can easily grow into a major issue. The sooner people seek help, the sooner the issue can be addressed, with the problem usually becoming smaller and hopefully within time being solved. Sharing a problem makes it less of a burden.

The event was put on by Kingsteignton Town Council working in collaboration with Kingsteignton charity, KingsCare, in support of the #DoltForDeaks campaign, set up in memory of Kyle Deakin, one of the teenagers who sadly lost his life to this awful illness back in 2018.

Officially opened by Mayor, Cllr Dave Rollason, the event got underway with Kyles' Mum, Yo, speaking of the importance of being able to talk with family members, especially teenagers who tend to hide away and even young children who can have issues. Following the loss of her son Kyle, Yo, does not want anybody else to have to deal with the grief that she and her family have, so is supporting the campaign led by KingsCare. Maggie Bonnell heads up the charity and spoke of the work they are doing in order to support a growing population needing the services they offer through mental health support worker Briony. It is also their intention to take on a further mental health support worker within the near future.

Young people in particular often get caught up within social media issues that can escalate within minutes,

leading on to devastating consequences. Debt is a major issue to many people of today but there are organisations who can help. Men are not exempt from mental health issues either and a great place to start is by popping along to informal group, Andys Man Club, who meet every Monday at 7pm at Coffee #1 in Newton Abbot (except Bank Holidays).

We would like to thank The Passage House Hotel for very kindly allowing us to put this event on and for providing hot drink facilities all without any charges. Our thanks also go to all of the

organisations

and companies who so generously donated fantastic prizes for the raffle which raised over £2,000 funding, which will help with the running of the Mental Health Support Services offered by KingsCare. Thank you also to all of the organisations who supported the event with stalls and information. Last but not least, 'Thank You' to all who attended the event and we hope that it has been helpful.



**To find out more about support, please call:
Briony, Mental Health Worker, KingsCare on
Tel. No: 01626 357090**

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#Dolt
ForDeaks

LOOKING BACK AT DECEMBER IN KINGSTEIGNTON!

Whilst December seems long ago, we can look back and remember the joy of festivities within our community. It commenced when the beautiful Christmas Tree, very generously donated by Mr Adrian Bunclark, was erected at the Fountain by Halls Landscapes who kindly gave their services without charge. For these we would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to both Adrian Bunclark and also to Halls Landscapes. Our thanks are also extended to Redmayne Accountants for permitting the tree to be secured to their wall and for the electricity supply to the Christmas lights, which were hired and installed by Torbay Display on both the Christmas Tree at the Fountain and also for the trees at the Community Hall grounds. We hope that everybody enjoyed the festive displays.

Opened by Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards the Mayor's Civic Carol Service took place on 9th December at the Community Hall. Children from both Rydon Primary and St. Michael's Primary Schools sang their little hearts out. Year 9 Teign School student Olivia Harrison, (*pictured above*), performed an outstanding solo number singing 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'. The service was led by Reverend Goddard of Kingsteignton Baptist Church, not only with religious content but with his entertaining talents grabbing the audiences' attention in the dark with his illuminating scientific experiments! Readings were made by, Reverend Mark Smith and Councillors' Brotherton, Dempster and Lawes. A collection



carried out during the service in aid of the Mayor's Charity #DoltForDeaks raised a total of £145. After the service a buffet and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to the Old Rydon Inn for supplying the food and to Tesco for donating the mince pies and to members of KCBC for their assistance in the kitchen. (*Pictured left, St. Michael's School*).

We would like to thank everybody who participated within the service making the evening a great success and we look forward to seeing you all at the next one!

CENTENARIAN CELEBRATED 100th BIRTHDAY AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On Sunday 22nd December 2019, Mrs Joan Ashton a former resident of Kingsteignton, celebrated her 100th Birthday at the Senior Citizens Club, Oakford Lawn, with her Kingsteignton friends and some of her family. Whilst Joan has recently moved to Dunmore Residential Home in Newton Abbot, she was delighted to return to the Senior Citizens Club where she has been an active member for the last 20 years and be joined by her many friends, including her best friend Mary, who is 95 years young! It was at the club in past years where Joan has enjoyed line dancing, playing dominoes, darts and singing.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Beryl Austen and Cllr Ron Peart of Kingsteignton Town Council, accepted the kind invitation from Mrs Margaret Cladingboel, a dear friend, who organised the celebration for Joan. Both Councillors made a short speech to congratulate Joan on reaching such an amazing milestone and wished her many more birthdays to come! Cllr Ron Peart asked Joan what her secret for a long life was and she wittily replied, '*having a little tippie!*' (*Pictured right, Deputy Mayor Cllr Austen, Joan, her daughter Lynn & Cllr Peart*).

Joan was born on Monday 22nd December 1919, the same day that Edi Baur a famous Swiss actress known for her role in a 1959 film Café Odeon, was born in Berne, Switzerland. Joan married in 1940 and enjoyed 43 years of marriage. She has 3 daughters and 1 son, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Her daughter Lynn and her family from Portsmouth celebrated her wonderful day with her!



COMMUNITY EVENTS SPRING/SUMMER 2020

Kingsteignton Swimming Pool

Saturday 8th May 2020

Meadow

BBQ

Special opening day

Memberships and bookings
 Adult Members £10.00
 Seniors/Student Members £5.00
 Child Members £2.00

Book your private pool hire
 Email: poolhire@kingsteignton.org.uk
 £60.00 per hour and £10.00 per person

We have a new session for the community with mental health and concerns. This will take the form of exercise with positive benefits to mental health and supported by a qualified teacher for those confident in the water. (not swimming lessons). Weekends can often be a lonely time, so come along for a cuppa even if you don't feel ready to join those in the pool. We hope the community will respect this session for the people it is created for.

Sunday mornings 11.00 to 12.00 Starts in May 2020

If anyone would like to help please contact:
kingsteigntonpoolrecruitment@gmail.com

KINGSTEIGNTON STREET MARKET

MAYDAY 2020

FRIDAY 8TH MAY
 at Oakford Lawn
 from 10am

Floral Dance around the Lawn
 Display of Classic Cars & Bikes
 Bouncy Castle
 Refreshments, Ice Cream
 Trade Stands, Charity & Craft Stalls

In aid of Kingsteignton Swimming Pool

Entertainment
 Prize Draw
 Inviting all residents including local school children + parents to join the Floral Dance on the Lawn.

Entry £2 Seniors £1

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 or
www.kingsteigntonstreetmarket&classiccarsday.co.uk
 01626 366480 • Web: www.kingsteigntonswimmingpool.org.uk • Charity No. 266162

Kingsteignton Swimming Pool

KING'S TEIGNTON

RAM ROASTING FAIR

Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2020

OAKFORD LAWN

Gates open at 11:45am



IN BLOOM 2020

Time for all!

...ing basket or tub?
 ... baskets or tubs?
 ... ble garden display?

Be proud sharing how floral blooms wellbeing! Or homegrow

Call us
Judging will take place

Kingsteignton
 Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP
 Tel: 01626
 E-mail: commsofficer@kingsteignton.gov.uk
 or download from: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk

ALL EVENTS FEATURED HERE ARE CANCELLED SINCE THIS PUBLICATION WAS PRODUCED. It is with regret, however, we ask you to please accept our apologies for these annual events not being able to take place at present, due to government guidelines during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Kingsteignton Town Council



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Ron Peart 01626 362260

(Conservative)

Council Meetings:

All Council meetings are held in the Mary Hall Suite at the Community Hall and start at **7.00pm**

Full Council & Planning Applications only - 1st Weds of the month

Finance - 2nd Weds of the month

Community Hall/Recreation & Works, Services & Planning - 3rd Weds of the month.

NB: During August a Planning only meeting will take place if necessary.

Should a member of public wish to speak about an agenda item, please contact the Town Clerk at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

For up-to-date information, please check our website: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk or Facebook page

Message from Kingsteignton Mayor

As Kingsteignton continues to grow the community and Town Council are getting busier and we need more people to get involved. The Council places great importance in supporting the development of a strong community and we know there are many voluntary organisations that would value your help and support. The Town Council also welcomes residents to its meetings to see how the business is done and to hear your ideas and views. Your input is especially important this year as we are placing greater emphasis on environment and the climate emergency, we need to hear your suggestions about how we can improve our plans. Please contact us, details are above.



Thank you, *Cllr Dave Rollason*, Mayor of Kingsteignton

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR REPORTING ISSUES

POTHoles: **DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004** www.gov.uk/report-pothole/devon

PAVEMENTS: **DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004** www.gov.uk/report-problem-pavement/devon

OVERGROWN HEDGES ON BOUNDARIES: **DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004**

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

FLOODING, SANDBAGS, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES, OUT OF HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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

CAB CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: 0344 411 1444