



Kingsteignton Town Council

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Mayor's Charity 2020/2021 #DoltForDeaks
A project to end the stigma around mental health and suicide

Tree Whips take root in Clifford Park



National Tree Planting Week 2020 was gladly supported by a small group of members from the South West eRotary Club as they joined with Councillor Alex Khan who led the way in getting the first program of tree planting underway in Clifford Park on a sunny 6th December 2020. Alex's wife and daughter also took part!

This is the first program of tree planting backed by The Woodland Trust to have been completed by Kingsteignton Town Council.

The planting of over 300 native, broad-leaf, deciduous small trees (whips) was designed around 3 x 25 metre double row hedges around the perimeter of the park. Different species have been grouped so as to encourage wildlife, wild forage and all year round colour. We hope that this will not only visually enhance the area but will also be of benefit to our environment.

Our sincere thanks go to all who took the time to assist in this project and look forward to continuing with further planting in the near future.

Pictured above left to right are:- Kay & Cllr Alex Khan, Isobel, James, Vicky & Tom Woulfe & Glen Harwood.



Devon Wildlife Trust—Connecting to Nature Survey—Feedback

We recently advertised a survey for everybody to have their say what they would like to see in their existing areas of green space and why it was valued. Within the survey we asked people for ideas for areas of new green space which could be created for communities and wildlife, and the reasons why the areas were suggested.

A summary of the online survey can now be viewed by either visiting Teignbridge District Council webpage <http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/connectingtonature> or by visiting the Kingsteignton Town Council website and clicking on the link provided.

Information within this publication is correct at the time of going to print.

Visit our website: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk or see our Facebook page for up-to-date information



Kingsteignton Town Council - Annual Report 2019/2020

Kingsteignton Town Council promotes working together for the community of Kingsteignton and for the benefit of the community. Work is carried out within the following committees:- Finance, Community Hall & Recreation and the Works, Services and Planning Committee.

The Precept for 2019/2020 was £217,910 which was a 10% increase on 2018/2019 to allow for the shortfall now that Teignbridge District Council are no longer paying a Council Tax Support Grant

During this year we said farewell to the following Councillors, Graham Wickham, John Green and Marie Chadwick. We would like to thank them for all their contributions during their time in office.

At the same time, we were very pleased to welcome the following new Councillors, Imogen Laws, Alex Khan, and Alex Brotherton and look forward to working with them on forthcoming projects.

In August 2019, our Finance Officer Mr John Stacey retired, and our sincere thanks go to him for all his hard work during his time in Office. In his place we were very pleased to welcome Mr Phil Banner as our new Finance Officer and look forward to working with him in the forthcoming months and years.

Finance Committee: Chair Councillor Tony Dempster, Deputy Chair Councillor Dave Ripping. This committee is responsible for monitoring finances of the Council, Staff and Councillor training, setting the precept and awarding grants to locally based organisations.

Community Hall & Recreation Committee: Chair Councillor Rollason, Deputy Chair Councillor Ron Peart. This committee is responsible for the smooth running and maintenance of the Community Hall and grounds, looking after Clifford Park, Oakford Lawn, designated footpaths around the town and The Fountain.



Plans are still being developed for the upgrade of the Play area at Clifford Park. The Fountain area of the town received an upgrade as mentioned earlier in this report, which also entailed the renovation of a red telephone kiosk which the Town Council purchased from BT at a cost of £1, which was positioned at The Fountain. Bollards were installed around the edge of Oakford Lawn to stop vehicles accessing the Lawn and at the entrance to the Community Hall grounds.

A new Skate Ramp was installed in Clifford Park following the removal of the old one on Health and Safety Grounds. This also included upgrading the MUGA area, as shown here.



Works, Services & Planning Committee:

Chair Councillor Ron Peart, Deputy Chair Councillor Tony Dempster. The Town Council are consultees for planning applications received by Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council for Kingsteignton. Councillors continue to tackle litter

problems through the Town and contribute £2000 annually to the District Council towards the maintenance of the toilets at The Fountain, to ensure they remain open. This committee also receives relevant road closure notices, which are passed on to councillors and posted on the Town Council Website and Facebook page.

Events held by the Council in 2019/2020

#DoltForDeaks Mental Health Roadshow - “Staying Alive”

This event was held as a joint event with Kingsteignton Town Council and KingsCare at the Passage House Hotel on Saturday 23 November 2019 to take positive steps to help and protect the young people in our community and give them hope for the future. This event was very well attended and heralded a success.

The Fountain – Official Re-Opening

Following the complete revamp of The Fountain area, Lord Clifford, the 14th Baron Clifford of Chudleigh, officially re-opened the site on Saturday 24th August 2019, along with Mayor, Councillor Dave Rollason and Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards.

Kingsteignton in Bloom Competition & Presentation

The annual competition was judged on Saturday 13th July 2019 and contestants attended a presentation and a cream tea afternoon at the Old Rydon Inn on Tuesday 20th August 2019.

Kingsteignton Town Council would like to thank everyone who entered Kingsteignton in Bloom and hope to see more entries when the competition resumes.

Devon Air Ambulance Landing Site opened at Five Lanes

On 30 October 2019 Mr Toby Russell, Project Officer for Devon Air Ambulance, officially opened the landing site along with Mayor, Councillor Dave Rollason, Mrs Suzannah Wharf, Head Teacher from Teign School, a member of New Cross Rugby Club, councillors and members of the public, for the official opening of the Devon Air Ambulance Landing Site at Five Lanes in Kingsteignton by Councillor Ron Peart.

Kingsteignton Orbec Twinning Association Time Capsule Burial

Councillor Dave Rollason attended the burying of a Time Capsule by Kingsteignton/Orbec Twinning Association in the Community Hall Grounds to celebrate their 40th Anniversary on Saturday 14th September 2019.

Mayor's Civic Carol Service – 9th December 2019

The Mayor's Civic Carol Service was held at the Community Hall on 9 December 2019 and was well attended.

Report by:- Carol Lakin, *Town Clerk*

(A copy of the full report is available to view on our website)

RHS Britain in Bloom Recognition Award for Kingsteignton Post Meridian W.I.

The beautiful display of hand crafted poppies that decorated the Fountain area last November, has won the ladies of the Kingsteignton Post Meridian W.I. an RHS 'Britain in Bloom Recognition Award' from the South West division of the RHS. The W.I. ladies and friends of the Church's Mothers Union displayed over 2000 poppies which they had spent many hours making during the first lockdown last Spring to celebrate their 50th Anniversary, which they chose to share with our residents by displaying at the Fountain to coincide with the Remembrance Commemorations in what was a significant year of the 75th Anniversary of VE and VJ Days.

Many of our town's residents took the time to visit the area to admire the display whilst being permitted to venture out for exercise during the second lockdown in November, from which several appreciative messages were received too.

Thank you to KCBC and all in our Town who launched the 'Virtual Community Christmas Service'

Our sincere thanks go to the members of our community who joined the organiser, Reverend David Goddard of Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church) and other clergy for kindly putting together and broadcasting the virtual Community Christmas Carol Service via YouTube.

This hopefully brought a little Christmas cheer to our residents who were unable to attend the usual Annual Civic Carol Service normally held by the Mayor at the Community Hall.

We only hope that we may be able to resume with our normal event in December 2021, however, at the present time this cannot be confirmed.

A FOND FAREWELL TO MR MICK HEDGES AFTER 15 YEARS SERVICE



Mr Mick Hedges, Assistant Caretaker, retires from Kingsteignton Town Council at the end of March 2021, after working alongside Caretaker, Mr Dave Turner for nearly 16 years. Mick joined the former Parish Council on 14th July 2005 and has been a loyal and valued member of staff, he has carried out a variety of duties including assisting with events that have been put on by the Council.

Our sincere thanks go to Mick for all of his hard work and commitment to the Town Council. We wish him all the best for a long, happy and healthy retirement and hope that he will enjoy living life at a more relaxing pace with his wife and family.

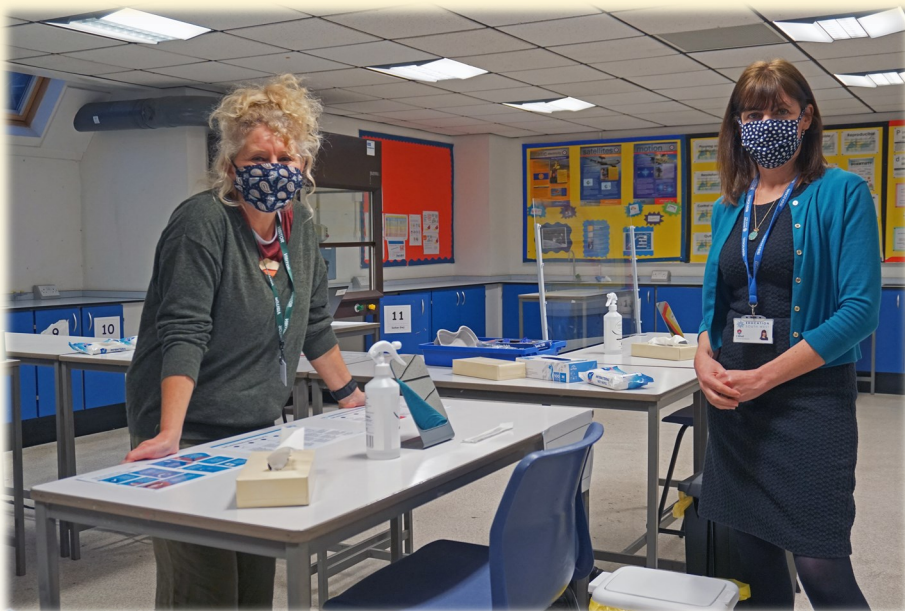
COVID FLOW TESTING AT TEIGN SCHOOL

On behalf of Kingsteignton Town Council I would like to acknowledge the brilliant work carried out by Teign School, part of Education South West in keeping their pupils and staff safe at this time. I've had time recently to volunteer at Teign, helping with the Lateral Flow Testing on pupils and staff.

Being part of a successful academy trust, Teign School were quickly able to mobilise a team of staff and volunteers together to test the pupils twice and all the staff twice a week. Lesley Whitley, Business Development and Administration Manager for ESW, led on the organisation of this. This was not just a practical exercise, the pupils and staff needed guidance and reassurance.

Staff from across schools, as well as members of the community, have kindly volunteered to support this process. The Team Leader was the extremely efficient and calm Steph Scoble, Teign's Lead Science Technician, ably assisted by Elaine Rowett, a Science Technician and Hannah Jeffery from Teign's Student Support office, as well as three volunteers, Emma Bray, Linda Edworthy and myself. Everybody brought a skill to the table; it was a friendly but clinically professional atmosphere. The school converted one of its many fantastic science laboratories, re-rooming other lessons so as not to disrupt the curriculum. The facilities at the school are second to none now with its new science building.

There is no doubt that schools have had to step-up since Covid-19 hit us and the challenges have been relentless, but I have now seen for myself, how staff have worked tirelessly to keep schools safe and stable.



Reported by, Councillor, **Julie Scagell**, As pictured with Headteacher Mrs Suzannah Wharf. Photo by: Tasha Scagell, BA Hons Media Arts

FLAG FLOWN AT HALF-MAST FOR CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE

The Union Jack has been flown at half-mast at the Council Offices/Community Hall in Rydon Road, in honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore, since his sad passing on 2nd February until the day of his funeral, which took place on Saturday 27th February 2021.

The retired British Army Officer became a national hero during the Coronavirus pandemic when he decided to raise funds for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden to celebrate his 100th birthday which as we all know, became a phenomenal achievement when he raised almost £33 million.

A truly remarkable and inspirational gentleman who not only lifted the spirits of us all during the last year, but will hopefully have brought hope to many with his quotes of "We will get through this in the end but it might take time, but at the end of the day we shall all be OK again. The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away".

On behalf of Kingsteignton Town Council and our residents, we can only be thankful to Captain Tom for all he gave to our country and beyond. God bless him and sincere condolences to his family, friends and all who knew him.

DOG POO.... IS IT YOU?

TAKE A BAG... PICK IT UP... FIND A BIN... AND PUT IT IN!

PLEA TO DOG OWNERS & DOG WALKERS—PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG—THEY CANNOT DO IT THEMSELVES, THEY RELY ON THEIR BEST FRIEND TO DO IT FOR THEM... THEIR OWNER OR WALKER!

ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES BIN WILL DO... FOR ANY BAGGED DOG POO!



We are currently experiencing a significant amount of reports regarding the amount of dog poo that is very sadly being left on our pavements, in parks, on public footpaths and on grass verges. This is totally unacceptable!

During the last year, we are aware that many more people have become dog owners which has been absolutely wonderful, dogs are great company, they provide unconditional love and get you outdoors exercising whatever the weather! The benefits for ones mental health and well-being are phenomenal, something we all need! And whilst we know that most of our dog owners (old and new), are very respectful and do the right thing by their dog and pick up their mess, we just ask everybody else to join them.. **PLEASE PICK IT UP AND BIN IT!**

So, a big **'THANK YOU'** to those of you who do and also a big **'THANK YOU'** to all the volunteer walkers who take a dog/s out for other people, (another kind gesture that many people have helped with in our community in the last year, for those who have had to shield or self-isolate). Enjoy your time spent with your furry companion!

The Dog Fouling Act of 2016 places responsibility on "the person in charge of the dog" at the time of the misdemeanour. ... This can be viewed on the Teignbridge District Council website:-

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-wellbeing/dogs/dog-fouling/>

Discovering dog fouling is unpleasant and can be a health hazard. Teignbridge District Council have introduced a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) aimed at reducing irresponsible dog ownership and making Teignbridge an even cleaner and greener place.

Do you know that you can be fined if your dog is out of control in public or you do not pick up after it?

Teignbridge have a new team of Community Environment Wardens working within the district.

If you ignore a PSPO you can be fined either £100 on the spot (a fixed penalty notice) or if it goes to court, you could be faced with paying £1,000.

You can report it to us and our Wardens will investigate all complaints of dog fouling, patrol problem areas and prosecute offenders. **Environmental Hotline: 0800 328 6402 or call TDC—01626 361101**

BE PROUD & LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE, KEEP KINGSTEIGNTON CLEAN & TIDY!

Spring is approaching, the days are getting longer and all signs of life are emerging all around us. Beautiful flowers adorn the roadsides and peoples gardens, birds are singing and busy building their nests to lay eggs and raise their chicks. All kinds of wildlife will flourish if our countryside is maintained in the correct manner.

Kingsteignton Town Council, Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council, spend public money on the up-keep of our grass verges, open green spaces, parks and rural pathways for the benefit of our residents and visitors to our town. So, please join us, by keeping your property and surrounding areas tidy too.

- ◆ Please can we ask that our grass verges are not used for driving on or parking on, they are there not only to enhance the area but more often for visibility reasons.
- ◆ Please carefully trim hedges or trees if they overhang onto the footpaths or highway (but prior to doing so, please remember to check that birds are not nesting, restrictions do apply, the normal nesting season is from March to August). For full details, please refer to:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/plants-for-wildlife/garden-hedges/hedge-law/?>

- ◆ Please keep your drains clear to prevent flooding issues, (those April showers can be extremely heavy downpours on occasions).
- ◆ Please keep fences tidy, debris left splayed out, can cause a hazard to passers by.

'THANK YOU'



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Council Meetings:

At present, Committee Meetings are being held online via 'Zoom'.

Members of the public are welcome to join our Full Council meetings. To do so, please follow the link on the joining instructions published on our website 15 minutes prior to the meeting commencing. Click under the heading of 'Your Council' & 'Committees, Agendas & Minutes'. Should a member of public wish to speak about an agenda item, please contact the Town Clerk at least three days prior to the meeting date.

E-mail: clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk or Tel: 01626 364089

MAYOR'S END OF TERM MESSAGE

As I approach the end of my term as Mayor I continue on my theme of the importance of building and maintaining a strong sense of community in our town.

Schools, private & public services, local businesses, voluntary organisations, traders and residents are continuing to do a tremendous job in meeting the challenges of CV19, helping to restore and maintain a sense of normality in the face of huge challenges. Residents continue to provide emotional and practical help to family members, neighbours, friends, and many are helping people they may not know and probably will never meet. All of us continue to give up our precious freedoms at significant personal cost in order to prevent the CV19 infection spreading.

In the same spirit we now need to be vaccinated in order to protect not just ourselves but others in our community. This time the sense of community has been extended far beyond our own town and its surrounding villages; we know that it is of no benefit to us to vaccinate only those in our own small part of the world. If people in poorer countries do not have access to vaccines the virus will thrive, mutate and strike back at us. This is why it is not only vital that each of us is vaccinated but also that we encourage those governments with access to vaccines to help people in all countries to receive them. This is not just a charitable action, looking after others is also the best way to look after ourselves and to keep community safe. Perhaps this is the driving force behind the value of community.

I feel privileged to have been elected Mayor of Kingsteignton for the past two years. My grateful thanks go to our Town Clerk, Carol Lakin, who has served the Council for over 25 years, to her staff, and to the elected Members of the Council for their advice, unfailing support and great work.

Mayor and Councillor, *Dave Rollason*



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR REPORTING ISSUES

STREET LIGHTING: DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

POTHoles: DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

ROADS AND PAVEMENTS: DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

OVERGROWTH ON BOUNDARIES: DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

DRAINAGE: DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004 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