



Kingsteignton Town Council

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Mayor's Charity 2022/2023
"Walking Alongside"
KingsCare Mental Health Support.



SAVE THE DATE



KING CHARLES III CORONATION

SATURDAY 6th MAY 2023

At

Kingsteignton Community Hall



Kingsteignton Town Council are pleased to announce a free all-day event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

The Coronation event will be screened live in the Community Hall.

The following entertainment will be performing throughout the day.

Pure Diamond (compere for the event) **sponsored by Sibelco**

The Liberty sisters— Back Beach Boyz



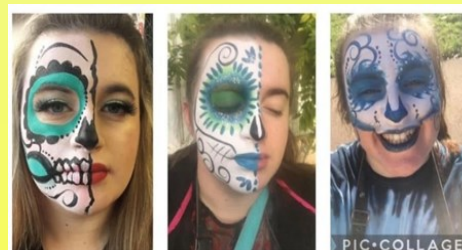


Mane Entertainments – bouncy castle /assault course, soft play area, giant Jenga, giant Connect 4

Whizzbang - entertainers who interact with the children with games, magic, balloon modelling and puppets.



Faces, Glitz & Glam - face painting & glitter tattoo's available at just £4 per child



Food and drink available to purchase throughout the day provided by—



The Fat Pony Gourmet Burgers & Loaded Fries

Apps Ice Creams

The Box Bar Devon

The Coffee Stop



The Kingsteignton Baptist Church and the Police cadets will also be providing free arts and craft activities, free giveaways, stickers, fingerprinting, and various competitions. We are also hoping to have displays from local community groups.

Keep an eye out for further details, which will be published regularly on our FB page and website.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCIL STAFF

DEPUTY CLERK —Mrs Jacqui Rees

Mrs Jacqui Rees has been appointed as the new Deputy Town Clerk. Jacqui has joined the team with a wealth of knowledge from her past careers with the Devon and Cornwall Police and the Royal Air Force.



FACILITIES MAINTENANCE OFFICER—Mr Dan Turner

Mr Dan Turner has joined our maintenance team as a full-time Facilities Maintenance Officer. Dan previously ran his own window cleaning business alongside delivering parcels for Amazon. Dan also has building experience.



FACILITIES MAINTENANCE OFFICER—Mr Gareth Lee

Mr Gareth Lee has also joined our maintenance team as a part-time Facilities Maintenance Officer. Gareth previously worked for Tuckers Maltings for over 20 years and has experience of being an HGV driver. Gareth currently also runs his own caravan maintenance and repair business part-time.



Our maintenance team led by Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Mr Dave Turner, have been out around the town clearing pathways and The leats of the Autumn and Winter debris, as well as general maintenance at the Community Hall/Council Offices and the parks and recreational areas.



"Great shout to KTC, certainly on the ball"
" Brilliant! Made a real difference on local walks. Thank you"

Facebook comments received



"That's fantastic, we walked along there twice the day they were working & amazing how little time it took them, they worked really hard"

Facebook comment received

"Doing a great job, some parts were half what they should be and not just leaves, mud as well."

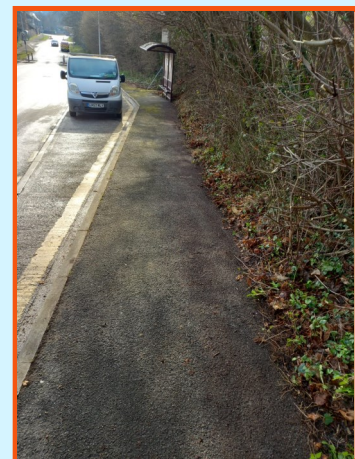
Good to talk to someone who had pride in his work"

Facebook comment received



"Lovely to see that Council workers have a pride in their job to keep their local area tidy—Well done to them"

Facebook comment received



LOCAL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2023



KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL

Being a Councillor is not a full-time commitment

For further information or a chat please contact Michelle on
Tel: 01626 364089 or Email: clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk or
visit our website: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk

We are looking for individuals from all walks of life to join our town council, to ensure that our town continues to improve the quality of life for our residents and for our visitors.

Councillors work together to make these changes happen and 'You' could be one of those, so if you think you would like to find out more, why not give us a call and have an informal chat with Michelle, our Town Clerk.

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCILLOR

WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- ◆ Delivery of services
- ◆ Improve quality of life for residents
- ◆ Give communities a democratic voice

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- ◆ Decision-making
- ◆ Monitoring
- ◆ Getting involved locally

GETTING ELECTED

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- ◆ A UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union;
- ◆ At least 18 years old
- ◆ An elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Here's what some of our existing town councillors' have to say:

I am Bill Thorne and after more than a decade as a Kingsteignton Town Councillor and two challenging terms as a Teignbridge District Councillor for the Kingsteignton West Ward I have learnt a lot about what the role of a councillor must include, what it could include and then, perhaps, what it should include.

Everyone imagines what it should include and how it should help them overcome any local problem, come what may and many benefit from what it could include by the councillor assisting with issues beyond their normal responsibilities and working with other councillors and council officers to try to influence the delivery of suitable solutions.

Of course, I have enjoyed the years of meeting residents, listening to their issues, agreeing courses of action, involving others where required to deliver on their issues or influence the Council's decisions through making a case for the council to consider. Everyone benefits from an open and honest approach and transparency in all activities of both the councillor and the council. This is something of what the role must include as I see it.

At all times there are the basic requirements of scrutiny, through asking questions in council often after a massive amount of personal research to see that the rules, also agreed by the council, are being followed correctly for the benefit of residents.

Sadly, as we all know, there is never enough money to do all everyone needs or wants and this is where the councillor needs to know the ward and what on balance might suit those residents and then the rest of the council area for the better, going forward, whilst considering fellow councillors' opinions throughout before the final decisions are made.

It is an interesting and challenging role at whatever level to take on and one that requires your real commitment and deep interest in helping others within the community.



EVENTS COMING UP IN 2023

- King Charles III Coronation celebration 6th May
- Annual Town Meeting - 19th May
- Kingsteignton in Bloom judging - 14th and 15th July
- Kingsteignton in Bloom Presentation - 23rd August
- Mayors Civic Carol Service - 8th December
- Outdoor Carol Service - 15th December

Please visit our FB
and web page nearer the time
for updates on the events

KINGSTEIGNTON WILD

Please follow our FB page, 'Kingsteignton Wild'

We are all avidly following the Facebook page for **Kingsteignton Wild** where we are encouraging everyone to post their wildlife sightings and personal activities monitoring our fascinating Spring in Kingsteignton. Sightings of feeding and ringing of Blackcaps, a flying Red Admiral butterfly and confirmation of RSPB and Birdlife. Birdwatch reports have even been sent in recently. Frogs are obviously very busy and even a report of a Robins' nest taking shape. Please visit the page and post what you have seen – normally it will be posted after the editor has looked at it.

Kingsteignton Wild work alongside many partners. The picture opposite shows you the trees planted by *id verde*, Teignbridge District Council's main Greenspaces contractor. This picture is in Sandygate Mill and is part of the contractor's generous gift back to the District Council. And also great that some preparation for the loss of infected Ash trees in our area is being considered.

You might have also have seen that Kingsteignton Wild have some brilliant plans for the Wildlife Trail around the older part of Kingsteignton which will connect two of our schools to wildlife areas and will end at Hackney Marshes. Kingsteignton Wild will soon be recruiting for volunteers to help with the activities.

Email: kingsteigntonwild@gmail.com

We are waiting to hear from you!



KYC Kingsteignton Youth Club needs you!

KYC Youth Club urgently needs new volunteers aged 18 and over to help supervise activities in the youth centre on Thursday evenings (for 8 - 11 year olds, from 5pm to 8.30pm) and Friday evenings (for 11 -17 year olds, from 5pm to 9.15pm). You don't need to come every week, a regular monthly volunteer session from you would help us to keep our successful youth club going. The Youth Centre has great facilities and you will receive induction and support from our youth leader and our experienced volunteers. You'll also have the opportunity to do FREE safeguarding and First Aid training.

Please contact our management committee if you're interested in finding out more: T. 07598 752896

KINGSTEIGNTON SWIMMING POOL

2022 was a mixed year for the pool. It was wonderful to be able to open our doors again to customers old and new following the closure during the pandemic, which led to restricted swimming when we opened in 2021. We were blessed with a wonderful summer weather wise and it has been great to see schools returning for swimming lessons, our own swimming lessons and sessions for all ages and abilities of swimmers return. We were also pleased to welcome back the regular Kingscare sessions. The local community have again provided us with some wonderful support, both through fundraising and also practical help such as electrical testing, repairing broken doors and providing new signage. Lin Brewer and her team of helpers continue to support the pool by running Bingo sessions at the Royal British Legion on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. We also had a fun day at the pool for the first time with Olympic Gold Medallist Calum Jarvis as our special guest. This raised over £800 as well as raising our profile.

The bad news is that like everyone else, we are facing unprecedented challenges regarding our utility bills which have risen beyond belief in 2022 and this year predicted to be more than £68,000. A huge increase on our usual £14/15,000 per season. At time of writing, the committee are looking at quotes for alternative heat sources and how to get grants to pay for the capital costs of these in an attempt to save the pool from closure. The swimming pool is an immensely valuable resource for everyone in Kingsteignton and we are determined to do everything we can to keep it open. If anyone is able to undertake some fundraising for us or join us in the fight to keep the pool open please contact us on info@kingsteigntonswimmingpool.org.uk



Pictured from back row: Craig Belmore, Linda Dawe, Dan Smith, Helen Frankpitt, Lucy White, Clair Parker (Chairperson)
Front row: Ally Dodsworth, Calum Jarvis MBE, Julie Roberts

January 2023: We have just submitted an application for a grant to Valencia for £100,000 to allow us to install air source heat pumps and buy a new thermal cover in an attempt to reduce our utility bills and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. We have to fundraise 10% i.e. £10,000, which over 2022 we managed to do.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible. We are doing all we can to save the pool from closure. Please keep fingers and toes crossed for us.

TOWN CRIER 2023

Kingsteignton is fortunate to have Mrs Jackie Edwards as their town crier. This year Jackie will be present at the town council events below and is also available to hire for private events.

- Kings Coronation, Mayor's Civic Carol Service and the outdoor Carol Service

Last year Jackie 'cried out' at the following events: Ram Fair, Queen's Jubilee, Bowling Club Fun day, Twinning Associations Supper and the Mayor's Civic Carol Service.



KING'S TEIGNTON RAM FAIR—PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you help organise the Kingsteignton Ram Fair? The Fair is currently run by a committee of seven people. In order to ensure the fair can continue to run in future years we need support from volunteers not just for the fair itself but also in the run up. We are looking for two volunteers to work alongside the committee. We need someone who is able to arrange the entertainment for the fair and a second person to liaise with and organise the volunteers who assist on the day. Both people would be overseen by the committee.

There is no need to attend committee meetings or join the committee, but you would need to be available on the day of the fair (29th May 2023).

If you think you can help, please call or text 07305 238960 or email info@kingsteigntonramfair.co.uk

POLICING UPDATE FOR KINGSTEIGNTON

WISHING A FOND FAREWELL TO PCSO VANESSA PIKE



Our longstanding Kingsteignton PCSO Vanessa Pike, well known to many local residents, has patrolled the town of Kingsteignton since 2008. She has worked tirelessly over the years with many youngsters promoting responsibility and safety in the recreational areas and around the town.

Vanessa was the instigator to the founding of Kingsteignton Riders Union which was to fund raise money to provide the first BMX/skate ramp to be installed at Clifford Park back in 2011. This group successfully raised £54,000

The OAP's at the Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club enjoyed her regular visits to their coffee mornings. Vanessa said "she will miss them dearly".

Vanessa leaves the local area to continue working for Devon and Cornwall Police in Cullompton.

On behalf of the town council and all of the residents', we would like to say a huge "thank you and very best wishes" to Vanessa for her future.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOCAL POLICING TEAM

We are pleased to introduce our new police team, PC Charlie Haggerty and PCSO Sharon Pratt, who have been assigned to Kingsteignton. Please come along and meet them and ask questions at there forthcoming surgeries, which are to be held in the Mary Hall Suite at the Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton on the following dates:

- Wednesday 22nd February at 11.00am Cllrs Ripping and Dempster were also in attendance.
- Friday 9th June at 6pm—7pm in the Mary Hall Suite
- Wednesday 6th September at 1pm—2pm in the Mary Hall Suite



KINGSTEIGNTON FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

On Saturday 11th February 2023, Kingsteignton Town Councillors and staff handed out free tree whips to all who came along, to plant in their gardens. A wide variety of UK broadleaf species included Alder, Crab Apple, Elder, Wild Cherry, Rowan, Silver Birch, Hawthorn, Hazel, small leaved Lime tree whips and Holly were handed out along with tree protection guards, planting and aftercare guides, also packs of wild flower seeds.

The event, held for a second year, is run in collaboration with Devon Wildlife Trust to promote their 'Saving Devon's Treescapes' project. Devon is sadly losing thousands of Ash trees due to the Ash dieback disease and it is important that we plant replacements in areas all over the Devon landscape to encourage wildlife and promote air quality.



Recipients of the free tree whips signed a pledge to plant their tree in a suitable location to allow for its continued growth through the coming years and to agree to photographs and follow ups being made to ensure that they are not wasted.

Devon communities will work together to promote a healthier environment for all who reside and visit the county.

We would like to thank everybody who attended the event on Saturday 11th February to collect free trees and to the organisations who have sponsored this event to make it possible.



MAYOR PRESENTS HIS CHARITY FUNDS CHEQUE TO KINGSCARE

Kingsteignton Mayor Councillor Ron Peart accompanied by Mayoress Mrs June Peart presented a cheque to the value of £255.04 to KingsCare for the Mayors chosen Charity, 'Walking Alongside'. £225.04 of which was received from a collection which took place at The Mayors Civic Carol Service in December 2022. Also a £30 donation was received from Lord and Lady Clifford and a £10 donation received from Mr and Mrs Newton of Newton Antiques.

The donation was received by KingsCare manager Maggie Bonnell and mental health support workers Briony Enright and Maggie Cleverly at the Council offices, Rydon Road, on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart thanked the KingsCare team for all they do to support the residents of Kingsteignton with mental health services. This demand during the last few years has escalated resulting in the charity having to employ new staff in order for these services to be offered. Thanks also go to all who attended the carol service and donated to the Mayor's chosen charity.



Pictured above: Briony Enright, Mayor Cllr Ron Peart, Mayoress Mrs June Peart, Maggie Bonnell and Maggie Cleverly.

SIBELCO SUPPORT KINGSTEIGNTON FOOD LARDER

Local mining company Sibelco's Specialist Sustainability UK, Mr. Jamie Heron, kindly presented the town council with a cheque to the value of £250 after attending the Mayor's Civic Carol Service in December. The funds were given to primarily purchase some plastic storage boxes to keep the packaged and perishable goods fresh and the remainder of the funds were used to purchase more supplies for the food larder.

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, gave sincere thanks on behalf of Kingsteignton Town Council to Mr Jamie Heron of Sibelco, for their generous donation to support such a worthy cause for our town.

Our appreciation also goes to all the residents near and far who have supported our foodbank and to the Co-op who continue to collect donated items on our behalf.

Community support is paramount and Kingsteignton residents have supported this project enabling it to thrive.

Pictured below: Mayor Cllr Ron Peart, Jamie Heron—Sibelco's Specialist Sustainability UK and Mayoress Mrs June Peart.



Mrs Carol Lakin's Retirement Presentation

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart held his Mayor's Christmas Dinner on Thursday 15th December 2022, where he congratulated the retiring Town Clerk, Mrs Carol Lakin on her retirement. He thanked her on behalf of the Council for her work within the town over the last 27 years and wished her a long, happy, healthy retirement.

Carol was presented with retirement gifts from all her colleagues and town councillors, including one of her favourite pieces of art.

Mrs Michelle Lewis-Clarke has been appointed as the new Town Clerk having served as deputy clerk for the past 5 years. She has a wealth of local knowledge and is a resident of the Town.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RACKERHAYES PRE-SCHOOL

Rackerhayes Pre-School were awarded an 'Outstanding' inspection rating from Ofsted in 2022.

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart and Mayoress Mrs June Peart visited the pre-school in November 2022 to congratulate the staff on their achievement and to meet the children.

Comments from Ofsted:-

- * Children have a wonderful time at this pre-school.
- * The impact of the teaching is highly effective.
- * Children are deeply engaged to sustain high levels of concentration.
- * Staff have excellent relationships with parents.

During the summer of 2022 a new shed was purchased to replace two old sheds and was partly funded by the £999.00 grant they received from Kingsteignton Town Council's grant scheme.



Pictured above left to right: Jane, Mayoress Mrs June Peart, Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, Sarah, Craig - Deputy Manager and Karen Field—Childcare Manager





Kingsteignton Town Council

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Council Meetings: All committee meetings are held in the Mary Hall Suite at the Community Hall and start at **7pm**

Full Council—1st Wednesday of the month, followed by **Planning Only**

Finance— 2nd Wednesday of the month (bi-monthly)

Community Hall/Recreation - 3rd Wednesday of the month (bi-monthly)

Works, Services & Planning— 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My wife June and I have attended many events during the last year, meeting many residents, clubs and organisations.

Kingsteignton residents should be proud of what we are achieving together in difficult times.

Kingsteignton Town Council are doing everything we can to improve the services we provide to the town.

Last year the new equipment for the playground was installed at Clifford Park.

This year we have more facilities maintenance officers who are carrying out duties around our town. This is enabling us to respond to residents who contact our office and point out areas that need or they feel require attention.

Finally, my wife June and I would like to thank all the staff and councillors for their help during my term of office.

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart.

Ron Peart



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS FOR REPORTING ISSUES (these are not links)

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

POTHoles: **DCC HIGHWAYS** : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

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

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

DRAINAGE: **DCC HIGHWAYS** : 0345 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

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