



Kingsteignton Town Council

Newsletter Issue 2 2021

Mayor's Charity 2021/2022
Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club

KINGSTEIGNTON IN BLOOM 2021

**It's competition time again for our
residents and businesses!**

Do you display just one spectacular hanging basket or container?

Do you have a group of hanging baskets or containers?

Is your garden a beautiful floral display or full of fruit & veg?



Our gardens have never been more important to us, enhancing mood and well-being, protecting our declining bee population and helping our environment.

So, be proud of your floral blooms and homegrown fruit & vegetables!

Fancy taking part in this local competition?

Entry forms available now:-

Either download from: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk

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

NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2021/2022



At the Annual Full Council Meeting held on 5th May 2021, Kingsteignton Town Councillors elected Councillor Ron Peart to return as Mayor for the forthcoming year until May 2022 and Councillor Julie Scagell as Deputy Mayor.

This meeting was conducted virtually via 'Zoom', former Mayor Councillor Dave Rollason and Deputy Mayor Councillor Beryl Austen were unable to personally hand-over the Chains of Office. Congratulations were given to both Councillor Peart and Councillor Scagell.

The outgoing Mayor Councillor Dave Rollason, gave his heartfelt thanks to everybody within the Council for the challenges that have been met during the last 18 months. He also recognised the hard work and resilience shown by our community during the Pandemic.

Our thanks go to Councillor Dave Rollason and his wife Sue (former Mayoress) for the civic and community duties they have attended during 2019 and for meeting the challenges in the most unprecedented times that the Council has faced.

Our thanks also go to Councillor Beryl Austen for fulfilling her role as Deputy Mayor during her term of office.

NEW ASSISTANT CARETAKER JOINS COUNCIL TEAM



The Town Council welcome Mr Jason Lewis as our new Assistant Caretaker, who joined our team of staff on April 6th 2021.

Jason who has past horticultural experience from working within grounds maintenance, will prove to be invaluable for our maintenance and grounds upkeep at the Community Hall and other areas of the town that we are solely responsible for. Jason lives locally with his partner Karen and her children. A keen sportsman, Jason loves football and has in the past run a few marathons and half-marathons and hopes to get back to some sort of running soon.

VACCINATION & SWABBING CENTRE—AT NEWTON ABBOT RACECOURSE

The Covid Vaccination Centre has now relocated to 'The Racecourse ' Newton Road, Kingsteignton.

The program is proceeding very well and we would like to thank everybody who are either working or volunteering to ensure the prompt delivery of this to members of our community and the surrounding areas.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

The renovated phone box has been re-installed on the corner of Coombesend Road/Longford Lane and is now a Community Noticeboard.

We also have noticeboards at the following locations:-

The Fountain Phone box,

Fore Street,

Oakford Lawn

The Community Hall/Council Offices.

If you have a notice or poster that is of interest to our community, please contact the Town Council to display free of charge, you can either:-

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



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

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL CHILDREN — PLEA TO SAVE OUR BEES!

Kingsteignton Town Council, recently received the letter below from the Year 4 Children of St. Michael's Primary School.

It raises extremely important issues, so please take a moment to read it.

Dear Kingsteignton Town Council,

We are writing to tell you that there is a drop in the bee population and we are worried! We are on a mission to increase the population of bees. Within our school we are trying to increase the bee population by creating bug hotels and bee highways, but we need your help to make this a more wide-spread message.

We need your help to improve our environment. This is why we are aiming to protect the bees. We are going to be planting wild flowers in safe and controlled areas so that children within the school are safe. This is to create bee highways in which bees can travel to different places without being injured. We are very dismayed at what is happening to the bees which is why we are trying to protect them.

There are several reasons why we are taking on this project. A third of our food comes from bees so we need to protect them. We will lose crops, flowers and animals. No-one wants this to happen! Can you imagine a day without vegetables, fruit or coffee? These beautiful, buzzing bees must stay alive to pollinate our flowers and crops! If bees die out then we will not be able to breathe because bees pollinate lots of our trees.

Imagine what would happen if bees went extinct. They don't have to, here is what you can do to make a difference. Make this issue wider spread by raising awareness. Join us on our mission by helping to make Kingsteignton a more bee friendly area. You could build bee hotels in the local community and plant wild flowers to create bee highways. Spread the word to the local community by including information about our initiative within the next Kingsteignton newsletter.

If bees go extinct who is going to be responsible? Will it be you, or will you do the right thing? If you don't make the right decision it will affect our future! Do the best thing not only for us but for the bees. Make sure that everyone else gets the message.

Yours Faithfully,

Year 4 children of St Michael's C of E Primary School



PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR BEES—

We all need them...

In response to the letter we received, we were keen to implement some wildlife saving ways at the Council. Our Caretaker Dave Turner built a Bug/Bee Hotel. It was constructed by stacking pallets and then filling them with natural debris such as small branches, twigs, pine cones and leaves and re-using some old waste materials such as old fencing, used plastic bottles, pipes, wood and broken plant pots. It has been placed in a corner of the Community Hall grounds and has been fenced off to ensure the habitants are not disturbed!



BEE HIGHWAYS

Keen to promote the importance and educate all pupils within the school, the Year 2 children of St. Michael's School got involved with the project above too!

Here you can see one of the little girls with her teacher busy planting 'bee friendly' seeds during the nice weather we experienced in April this year, which we hope by now are growing well and delighting the children!

They are discussing further initiatives with their 'Rights Respecting group'.



Kingsteignton Town Council—Annual Report 2020/2021

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 Committee

Community Hall & Recreation Committee

Works, Services and Planning Committee

The Precept for 2020/2021 was £228,182 which was a 2½% increase on 2019/2020. This payment was received from Teignbridge District Council in two instalments – one at the end of April and the other at the end of September.



The Mayor, Councillor Dave Rollason and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Beryl Austen sit on all committees. Work carried out by the Committees during 2020/21 is as follows:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Grants approved for 2020/21 are as follows:

Moorlea Merrier Social Group	£ 500
Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club	£ 989
Newton Abbot Community Transport Association	£1,500
Rackerhayes Pre School	£ 300
Friends of Kingsteignton Library	£ 320
Strokes Ahead	£ 350
Stover Canal Trust	£ 575
Kingsteignton Tennis Club	£ 250
Kingsteignton Swimming Pool Association	£ 900
Veterans Support Group	£ 500
1 st Newton Abbot Sea Scouts (Kingsteignton)	£ 350
Kingsteignton Orbec Twinning Association	£ 500
KingsCare League of Friends	£ 999
Royal British Legion	£ 100

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Community Hall & Recreation Committee:

Chair Councillor Julie Scagell, Deputy Chair Councillor Ken Jones 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, although this has been held up due to COVID.
- ◆ Unfortunately due to COVID both the Outside Carol Singing and the Mayor's Carol Service had to be cancelled.
- ◆ The Town Council installed Christmas Lights at The Fountain and at the Community Hall
- ◆ The Community Hall was turned purple to mark Census weekend
- ◆ CCTV Cameras were installed from The Fountain along Newton Road and are monitored by Newton Abbot Security Trust
- ◆ Maintenance work has been carried out by Mr Turner on the remembrance benches at Oakford Lawn
- ◆ Arrangements were put in hand for the planting of the raised flower bed in the History Garden at Oakford Lawn.
- ◆ Preparations started on the Beating the Bounds, which it is hoped will be held later in 2021
- ◆ Work is progressing on the installation of History Boards to be placed on Oakford Lawn

Works & Services/Planning Committee:

Chair Councillor Ron Peart, Deputy Chair Councillor Imogen Laws. 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.

This committee has responded to consultations; joined the nationwide "20 is Plenty" scheme; discussed projects using CIL funds; discussed and progressing with the updating of signage for Kingsteignton; dealt with verbal complaints received at two sites – one near Ten Tors and the other at Ideford Coombe.

I would like to give thanks to County Councillor Ron Peart, and District Councillors Beryl Austen, Ron Peart, Dave Rollason and Bill Thorne for attending meetings throughout the year and giving a report; Rev'd Mark Smith, Rev'd Sandra Gill, Rev David Goddard and Rev'd P Nevard for saying a prayer each month at the start of the Full Council meeting; PCSO Vanessa Pike for providing monthly updates for meetings; residents for drawing matters to the council's attention and all Town Councillors for all their time in working tirelessly in a voluntary capacity for the good of the community. I would also like to thank Rob May who has assisted the Town Council with various jobs around the Town.

Thanks, are also given to Mr Turner and Mr Hedges for the work they carry out around the Town and the Community Hall and to Mrs Michelle Lewis-Clarke, Mr Phil Banner, Mrs Shirley Simmons and Mrs Caroline Lowe for all their hard work in the office or at home in what has been a very unusual year.

Report by:- Carol Lakin,
Town Clerk

KINGSTEIGNTON YOUTH CLUB RE-OPENS

Kingsteignton Youth Club re-opened at the Youth Centre in Broadway Road on Friday 7th May 2021. Places are free but numbers are limited to a maximum of 15 young people aged 11 to 17 years. Young people must be booked into a session in advance - so if you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle, KYC Youth Leader, at the email address below or go to: Facebook.com/kingsteigntonyouthcentre and message Michelle Whatty. All KYC members must complete a registration form. As restrictions are lifted hopefully in the not too distant future, it is hoped that normal sessions for all young people aged 8-17 years will resume.

Holly Macgregor re-joined the KYC team on 21st May as Assistant Youth Support Worker. Holly has lots of experience of working with young people in KYC youth club and it has been a very welcome return. KYC have also welcomed the return of their KYC volunteers, adults and young people, whose energy and skills helps make the youth club a fun and safe place to be. New volunteers are always welcome, if you think you would enjoy doing activities with young people and would like to help Michelle and Holly run activities in the hall, kitchen, art or recreation rooms please contact Michelle for a chat and an application form. We ask all our volunteers aged 16 and over to agree to a DBS check and provide safeguarding training and support to KYC staff and volunteers as well as our young people.

Michelle can be contacted for all enquiries about youth club sessions on our Facebook page or by emailing her at:- kyc.m.whatty@gmail.com

KINGS BOXING SUPPORT OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Kings Boxing Academy and associates have offered their gym as a resource and training area for the Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Search and Rescue team and recruit training.

This is essential work which saves lives and promotes good community relations. The importance of this is immense and helping the emergency services provide quality assurances to the public and businesses in our area.

Pictured below: Two members of Newton Abbot Fire and Rescue Service with Chris Rattenbury, Head Coach of Kings Boxing Academy in the centre.



HRH THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

It was with great sadness on Friday 9th April 2021, when we heard the announcement of the passing of The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Upon the announcement from the palace, Operation Forth Bridge protocol was immediately followed by Kingsteignton Town Council. The Union Jack was flown at half-mast until 8am on Sunday 18th April, the day after the funeral and the Council Offices were shaded with purple lighting during the hours of darkness. The Council website was veiled with an official photograph and a notice reflecting our deepest respect and sympathy for HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and HM The Queen.

A letter of condolence was sent to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family via David Fursdon, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, by our Mayor Cllr Dave Rollason, expressing condolences on behalf of the citizens of Kingsteignton and of the Town Council. Prince Philip demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to duty throughout his life and did so with strength and determination.

Recognition for local teenager as he chose to do the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

At a time that couldn't have been more relevant to the passing of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the Town Council were extremely pleased to receive a report from Tom, a local teenager who is currently doing the Bronze Award. Tom chose to take part in the scheme because of his passion for expeditions and he thought it would be an interesting challenge. The DofE award scheme is made up of four parts – volunteering, physical challenge, skill challenge and an expedition. To fulfill the part of the volunteering section in such restrictive times, Tom chose to do litter picking every week for three months around Kingsteignton.

Tom enjoys getting out and about and he said he found it rewarding to help to clean up the local environment. He was amazed how much litter was found on the streets and in hedges, including sweet packets, pop bottles, cigarette butts, cans and even old plastic and metal rubbish that had been slightly buried by vegetation which hadn't degraded at all. One particular strange find for Tom was a real coy carp which had been thrown into a tree! Exceptional amounts of litter were noticed following the recycling collections, where various items had been blown out of the bin boxes, all of which could be helped by people stacking the items securely. Water courses were also found to be a particularly bad area for litter.

Tom has highlighted the fact that we all need to take action to avoid the dangers to our environment and wildlife. Animals could easily choke or cut themselves on sharp objects thrown away or even get trapped or entangled. And after doing a lot of research, Tom discovered that 50% of littered items are cigarette butts which take 12 years to break down and leak cadmium, lead and arsenic into soil and waterways. It was also shocking to find that 62% of England's residents admit to littering.

The Town Council give sincere thanks to Tom for his volunteering and wish him well with the rest of the DofE!

TESCO COMMUNITY TEAM TAKE PART IN THE GREAT BRITISH LITTER PICK!





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Council Meetings:

Face-to-face meetings have now resumed for Full Council and Committees, however these will not be held every month for the present time.

Members of the public are welcome to join our Full Council meetings.

Please check our website for dates of upcoming meetings. 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 WELCOME MESSAGE—Councillor Ron Peart May 2021

What a great honour to be your Mayor again. I look forward to serving our community and meeting many organisations and groups who give their time and effort to make Kingsteignton a great place to live. I have already attended one event at a local business, Sibelco are running a competition, two lucky youngsters in Kingsteignton are set to win bikes and cycling kits, courtesy of minerals firm Sibelco. The company is asking all 5 to 16 year olds in the town to celebrate life on two wheels by creating a piece of art using words, images, audio or video. They have until August 23 to submit their creations making the competition an ideal summer project. The bikes and safety kits are being supplied by Kingsteignton firm 'Hot Pursuit'. The Sibelco '**Life Cycle Competition**' is a great way of encouraging youngsters to enjoy life in the saddle. Another event to look forward to this year is the Kingsteignton in Bloom Competition, this will be judged on Saturday 17th July. You can enter as an individual or as a business. It is great to see the wonderful displays in some of the gardens or hanging baskets on the walls of properties around Kingsteignton. All of these add to the beauty of British Summertime. I have also received two invitations for Civic events and I am looking forward to attending.

Mayor, Councillor *Ron Peart*



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