



# Kingsteignton Town Council

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## KINGSTEIGNTON IN BLOOM 2022

**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, helping our environment and protecting our declining bee population.

**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](http://www.kingsteignton.gov.uk)  
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**Kingsteignton Town Council**

## KINGSTEIGNTON IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2022

Kingsteignton residents and businesses' are invited to take part in our annual competition by showing your gardens to our judges, Councillors' Ron Peart and Martin Field. There are various categories to choose from, you can enter just one container or hanging basket or enter your whole garden, whether it's flowers, greenery or fruit and vegetables! Take a look at our entry form online.

We encourage anybody who is proud of their display/s to give it a go! It is not a professional competition, it is an event for you to be proud of what you have created and to just share it with us! There are many Certificates, Cups and Prizes to be won.

Judging will take place over two days this year, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July 2022 and a presentation event will take place in August at a local venue, with a date to be confirmed.

If you would like to enter, then please either download an entry form from our website:-

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**We look forward to seeing your entries!**

Shown here, are some of last year's entries:-



**Fancy taking part in this local competition? Don't delay, get your entry form today:-**

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## FANCY A NEW HOBBY? KINGSTEIGNTON HAS 3 BOWLING CLUBS...

### Short Mat Bowls - played indoors!

We are a small indoor bowling club of about 20 members meeting on a Thursday evening in the United Reformed Church Hall in Church Street. We extend a warm welcome to prospective new members.

Short Mat bowls is a more informal, relaxed version of lawn bowls, played on a special carpet over a shorter distance. As such, it can appeal to those who don't perhaps have the physical strength for lawn bowls but still enjoy some friendly competition, although we do have members who play both indoor and outdoor bowls.

To find out more, contact: Keith Lockett, Secretary/Treasurer on Tel: 01626 830446.

### Kingsteignton Bowls Club—played outdoors!

Our club opened its gates in 1985 and is set in a lovely location close to St. Michael's Church in the old village of Kingsteignton. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club and welcome new members of any age or ability. Our outdoor playing surface is of a synthetic all weather quality, allowing bowls to be played all year round. Beginners are welcome to use equipment provided, before having to buy bowls for themselves. Tuition is free for potential new members. Why not come along and have a go.

Contact us: Club House phone: 01626-332523 Club Secretary: 07557-094825 [www.kingsteigntonbowlsclub.com](http://www.kingsteigntonbowlsclub.com)  
Email: [kingsteigntonbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:kingsteigntonbowlsclub@gmail.com)

### Abbrook Park Bowling Club—played outdoors!

We meet for a roll-up on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m. at Abbrook Park and anyone thinking of joining the Club or taking up bowls is welcome to come along or make contact.

Alternatively, we will try and accommodate any prospective new members at a time to suit during the week. Please contact: Club Secretary Phil Stanley, either by email: [phil.stanley@outlook.com](mailto:phil.stanley@outlook.com) or telephone: 01626 362236.



## KINGSTEIGNTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022



*Pictured above are recipients of Citizen Awards and Grant cheques for clubs and organisations within Kingsteignton with Mayor Councillor Ron Peart (centre).*

Our Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, welcomed residents' and local club and organisation representatives to the Annual Town Meeting, held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6 pm at The Community Hall, Rydon Road.

The Mayor's presentation explained the actions and work that had been undertaken in and around the Town over the past two years. Cllr Peart, Chair of the Works, Services and Planning Committee, said necessary works had continued to be carried out and as Consultees the Town Council had responded to Teignbridge District Council on planning matters. Cllr Peart explained that work continued throughout the pandemic with all staff either working from home or in the office and Council meetings being held virtually prior to restrictions being eased. Last Summer, when permitted, meetings were held at The Community Hall under strict guidelines. Maintenance staff continued working within the areas that were permitted under the restrictions. He expressed his thanks to all concerned as well as his fellow Councillors who have continued to provide their services.

Councillor Ron Peart, read a report on behalf of the Finance Chairman, Councillor Bill Thorne.

Councillor Julie Scagell, Chair of the Community Hall and Recreation Committee gave a report on the work carried out by this committee. This included maintenance and cleaning up of graffiti at Oakford Lawn and Clifford Park and maintaining the Community Hall for safe use by Tiny Toes Pre-School, the Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church and latterly, other hirers.

Councillor Ron Peart presented grants to local organisations and clubs (listed below), awarding them with funding to allow them to make beneficial improvements to their groups and members, some of which will be purchasing new equipment, used for structural improvements and being able to provide activities or events.

Kingsteignton Swimming Pool, Teign School Farm, Kingsteignton Youth Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Newton Abbot Sea Scouts (Kingsteignton), Stover Canal, Kingsteignton Allotments, South Devon Aspergers, WBB Youth Football Club and Rackerhayes Pre School.

Presentations of Citizenship Awards were also made by Councillor Ron Peart, to residents of the Town who have worked tirelessly as volunteers to improve the lives of others. These included Mrs Margaret and Mr Graham Lucas for their work with KingsCare, Ms Yolanda Hodge for her work for #DoltForDeaks Charity, and Dave Rollason for his work with Kingsteignton Youth Centre. Bill Beech has also received an award but was not present and a Posthumous award for Mrs Becky Filby.

Residents in attendance were asked by Councillor Ron Peart, if they had any issues that they wished to raise. One question raised was also asked by a resident in writing prior to the meeting, concerning the new foot bridge that had been built over the River Teign on the approach to Teigngrace.

Councillor Ron Peart, as Devon County Councillor, advised that there is currently an issue with the specification of its build, as it does not currently meet Devon County Councils specification requirements'. Therefore, they will not adopt the bridge at the moment and await for it to be rectified. The bridge will be kept closed at present, in order to meet safety requirements for the public's sake.

Residents raised questions about the new Traffic Calming on Broadway Road. County Councillor, Ron Peart explained that it needs to be in place for 12 months before any issues are considered by Devon County Council. Residents were asked to make their complaints directly to DCC.

## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

### Mayor and Deputy Mayor ~ 2022/2023



Cllr Ron Peart was elected to continue his role as Mayor for a further year at the Annual Full Council meeting held on 4th May 2022 and Cllr Beryl Austen was elected as Deputy Mayor. Both will serve their terms of office in these roles until May 2023.

Former Deputy Mayor Julie Scagell, handed Cllr Austen the Deputy's Chain of Office.

Sincere thanks were given to Cllr Julie Scagell for fulfilling her role in her term of office, May 2021—May 2022.

Cllr Peart is hoping that he will be able to hold the Mayor's Annual Civic Carol Service this coming December, after not having one for the past two years due to the Covid restrictions and safe distancing for dignitaries and our residents.

### Welcome to our two new Councillors

#### Councillor Jo Gregson—East Ward

Previously Jo was the Curator of Birds at Paignton Zoo. Jo was also active on the bird conservation front line for much of her career at Paignton. At present as Chair of the World Pheasant Association she is working closely with VIETNATURE, adding her skills and expertise to the Vietnam Pheasant Recovery Project. As a birdwatcher Jo is keen that Kingsteignton maintains its green profile and she will be joining the planning committee.



#### Councillor Ian Burrows—West Ward

Ian moved to Devon some 23 years ago and chose Kingsteignton to setup roots. Ian currently works in telecommunications and has done for the past 34 years. Ian is married with twins, who are now young adults. Ian is a trustee for a charity to support children on the Autistic Spectrum as this is something that is dear to his heart. So why a councillor? Ian explains:- Very simple, I want the best for our community and I want to help with that.



#### We bid farewell to Councillor Stephen Plummer

Councillor Stephen Plummer has recently resigned from the Town Council in order to fulfil other commitments in his life. Our sincere thanks go to Stephen for the time and commitment he gave during his term in office. Stephen joined in October 2017 and he has been a valued member of the Town Council.

We wish Stephen well for the future.



## Kingsteignton Town Council

### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

If you can work as a team, are available to take part in meetings, form sound judgements based on what is best for the community, and are willing to abide by majority decisions, you have the qualities of a Town Councillor.

**For more information please contact:**

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for an application form.

## Kingsteignton Town Council Annual Report 2021-2022

The Annual Report is now available for viewing and can be found on our website: [www.kingsteignton.gov.uk](http://www.kingsteignton.gov.uk) under the 'Your Council' tab. Should you wish to view this and are unable to online, please contact us on Tel: 01626 364089

## Kingsteignton Town Council Precept 2022-2023

As everyone will be aware, the cost of virtually everything is going up with annual inflation as of March 2022 standing at 7%.

The Finance Committee, having considered the Budget prepared for the year ended 31 March 2023, recommended an increase of 5% in the precept. This increase was agreed at a meeting of the Full Council on 5 January 2022.

The 5% increase actually covers two years, there having been no increase in the rate payable last year.

The annual amount due for a Band D household rises from £58.98 to £61.93, an increase of £2.95 for the year or just under £0.06 per week.

The increase is necessary to ensure that projected costs are fully covered by anticipated income for the year - with income from other sources being down but gradually improving, compared with pre COVID levels.

The Council will continue to seek to provide first class amenities at the Community Hall and to look at ways of improving the facilities in Kingsteignton.

During the year ahead we will be undertaking considerable improvement works to the facilities provided at Clifford Park.

As in the past, we will look to continue to work closely with Teignbridge District and Devon County Councils to improve those areas where we have no jurisdiction ie. Roads, Footpaths, Waterways etc.

*Report provided by, Mr Philip Banner, Finance Officer*

## CLIFFORD PARK UPDATE

On Monday 23rd May 2022, work started on the removal and installation of new equipment within the childrens' play area. This work is expected to be completed within 4-6 weeks. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused whilst this work is carried out.

Whilst the existing swings will be kept and revamped, the new equipment will include an inclusive 'wok roundabout' a 'pod swing' and a wheelchair accessible roundabout, as well as ~ new 'springers' a 'hammock swing', 2 trampolines, a 'hip hop', a fixed train, a 'double perch', a metal 'rope-end swing' and a 'multi play unit'!

## SAD PASSING OF TWO FORMER KINGSTEIGNTON COUNCILLORS

It with great sadness that we have recently heard of the passing of two former Parish/Town Councillors, Becky Filby and Babs Errington. Both were well respected members of the community and will be missed by many. Our condolences go to family and friends of both Becky and Babs.

### Mrs Becky Filby

Becky had been suffering from Alzheimer's for some time and sadly passed away in April. Becky will have been known to many for her involvement with the Library over many years. Becky was a Councillor from September 1999 until 2006 and was an active member of the Parish Council.

### Mrs Babs Errington

Babs was a long serving councillor for Kingsteignton who resigned in 2011 due to ill health and then re-joined for a short while before resigning again. Babs was very well known to the community as she used to run the Luncheon Club on a Wednesday at the Community Hall and spent many an hour, making and baking lunches and desserts for community members. Babs was also a very keen artist. After battling through long term illness for some time, Babs sadly passed away in May at the remarkable age of 97.





The first event held by the "Kingsteignton Wild" group, was held at 4pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in the grounds of the Community Hall in Rydon Road.



A wide variety of nature tables were arranged, offering creative, but also simple ways that everyone can enhance their own spaces at home to encourage nature.

Many of the tables offered a "hands on" approach, so that simple everyday materials could be transformed into nature attracting homes for wildlife, such as for bees!

There was also a Swift table, wild flower seeds and a board dedicated to the contributions of local residents about their experiences of natural wildlife in the area.

The event also highlighted a competition for the design of the new nature trail and the route that we are to establish through Kingsteignton in the future.

If this group is of interest to you please discover us on our 'Kingsteignton Wild' facebook page. We look forward to hearing from you.



## KINGSTEIGNTON BEATING THE BOUNDS 2022

Join us for this ancient tradition ~ marking the parish boundaries of Kingsteignton, by walking a planned route, led by Town Councillors between boundary stones. Take in the lovely scenery!

- **Saturday 6th August 2022**

9 am start at: The Ten Tors Finish at: The Passage House Inn (approx. 8.5 miles)

- **Saturday 13 August 2022**

9 am start at: The Passage House Inn and Finish at: The Sandygate Inn (approx. 9 miles)

- ♦ Numbers will be limited to 20 people per walk.
- ♦ Hi-Vis Vests being worn, will be mandatory.
- ♦ Participants must be physically fit to participate.

**Don't delay, register NOW!** Either download a Registration Form from our website:

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## 'SWIFT' ~ Letter received from St. Michael's School Children



Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Rights Respecting School, we have been learning about Article 24, which says that we have the right to a clean, healthy and happy environment. We therefore want to protect our environment for the future. We are writing to ask if the council are able to help with supplying more swift boxes in our area or protecting the homes of the swift population living in St Michael's Church and surrounding area. Please can we have more swift boxes, we don't want to see the lovely swifts in our area going extinct.

Swifts are in danger because they are losing their cosy, warm homes, food and water. Swifts often live in the rooves of people's houses. Their homes are disappearing because people block them off when they fix their rooves. This is bad because swifts will try over and over again to get their nests back and will eventually die trying even if they can't get to it.

Swifts are brilliant creatures because they help look after the environment. They keep insect numbers under control so that we are not overwhelmed with irritating insects. They also eat lots of insects that are troublesome to humans like mosquitos and aphids. There is a problem though- there are less and less insects than there used to be because humans are damaging their habitats and building on areas where they would thrive. This is the swift's main source of food- they can collect up to 1000 insects at a time when feeding their babies so we must do more to help.

We don't want swifts to become extinct because they have been around since the dinosaurs- 65 million years ago (around the time when Tyrannosaurus Rex became extinct). During this time, nothing about the swifts has changed except where they live. They used to nest in rocky caves and high trees, now they nest under the boards and rooves of houses. They made this change because we have been cutting down trees and blocking caves so that we can have more room for houses. This makes it harder for swifts to nest and causes more problems when they want to come back to the same nests every year. We don't think it is fair that the swifts' homes are being damaged for our houses.

We can help solve this problem though by building more swift boxes high up so that the swifts can return every summer. We can build more ponds in our area, let grass grow longer and plant more flowers to provide the swifts with food, water and plenty of insects so they can nest, breed and live alongside humans. This would mean we would have more cute chicks and families of swifts will keep going for hundreds of years from now.

We know you can help, there are already lots of swifts living peacefully in St Michael's Church and we want to encourage more to our area. We look forward to seeing what you write to us.

Yours Faithfully,

Year 4, St Michael's Primary School

## KING'S TEIGNTON RAM ROASTING FAIR 2022

Visitors  
flocked to  
the Ram  
Roast on  
Bank Holiday  
Monday 2nd  
May!

The Mayor  
Councillor  
Ron Peart  
and his wife  
Mayoress  
Mrs June  
Peart,  
crowned the  
three May  
Queens' for  
the last three  
years', under  
the shelter of



their umbrellas. The lovely Maypole dancers gave a fantastic display in testing conditions being slippery underfoot and raining. The Maypole dancers decorated their Maypoles to give the May Queens' and attendants a very colourful guard of honour. The Tano Taiko drummers were a popular attraction and Wizzbang kept the younger visitors entertained all afternoon with Magic shows and balloon modelling. The children's sports were as popular as ever and there were queues for other attractions on the Lawn. The Dog show was a hit with the four legged visitors and tails were wagging! The Committee would like to thank our volunteers who help out year after year, we couldn't run the event without them. See you all again in 2023!





# Kingsteignton Town Council

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

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

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

**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

It was a great honour to be elected for another term as Mayor of Kingsteignton Town Council and I am pleased to announce that work to upgrade the Clifford Park play area with new play equipment is due to commence on May 23rd.

My Wife June and I began our engagements this year by opening the new Library Extension on behalf of The Friends of Kingsteignton Library Group. I cut the ribbon and officially declared the extension open, after which, the Friends Group offered refreshments in the garden, which were enjoyed by all in attendance. I would like to thank the Friends Group for inviting June and I and to also thank them for their hard work in raising the funds to pay for the new extension to the Library.

We were pleased to have opened the King's Teignton Ram Fair on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022. It was such a pleasure to do so after not having had the event since 2019. It was an honour to crown the May Queens' and to have judged the best decorated poles. The Maypole Dancers performed a spectacular display for all to enjoy. June and I, enjoyed chatting with residents and stall holders throughout the afternoon, as well as enjoying refreshments in the Senior Citizens Club. Our thanks go to all the organisers' of the event, with special thanks to Sue Shaw for her hard work throughout the year, and for teaching the young children to dance the Maypole to such a high standard and a huge thanks to all who visited to keep the event alive.

Kingsteignton Town Council have recently welcomed two new councillors, Jo Gregson and Ian Burrows.

I am sure we are all looking forward to a lovely Summer and if you are a gardener, why not enter our Kingsteignton in Bloom Competition. Details are within this publication. Take care.



**Mayor, Councillor** *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/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

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**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/)

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