

Kingsteignton Town Council



Newsletter
Issue 4 2020

Kingsteignton Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency

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

*WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



The Town Council have added additional Christmas lights around The Fountain and along Fore Street to help lift people's spirits. Why not take a look at The Fountain and the Community Hall, Rydon Road, when you are out and about. If you know of somebody who may be alone and unable to socialise, keep a vigilant eye on them to ensure that they have food, warmth and some company even if it is through a window, by phone or by virtual means.

A huge 'Thank You' to Mr Adrian Bunclark for supplying the beautiful Christmas Tree which is on display at The Fountain. Adrian has kindly donated this for our community to enjoy over the festive season!

Our sincere thanks also go to Mr Julian Hull and his team from Halls Landscapes who very kindly placed the large tree in situ for us.



Kingsteignton Community Christmas Celebration—Please join in .. the video will be launched on December 18th 2020 @ 6 p.m.

With all public gatherings for celebrating Christmas cancelled, Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church thought it would be a great opportunity to produce a Kingsteignton Community Christmas Celebration. A video will be released on You Tube and through other means, to help you celebrate Christmas with this Carol Service with a difference. It will include Carols, Christmas readings and prayers put on by various people representing community life in the town - a celebration done by the community for the community, including vets, students, headteachers, publicans, council helpers, children, a Town Crier, local police, an MP, food bank volunteers, medical practitioners and more.

After the launch date of December 18th at 6 p.m. the video will be viewable at any time by visiting:-

<https://www.kcbchurch.org.uk/christmas> Let us join together through this video and celebrate Christmas!

TOWN CLERK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT TOWN COUNCIL



Town Clerk, Mrs Carol Lakin, celebrated her 25th Anniversary of working for Kingsteignton Town Council (formerly Parish Council). Carol joined as an Assistant Clerk on 23rd October 1995 working just 9 hours a week in a small office with Mrs Carolyn Moist (Town Clerk at the time). Carol progressed with her studying and in October 2005, graduated with her Certificate of Higher Education, in 'Local Policy' from the University of Gloucestershire. Carol later succeeded her predecessor Mrs Carolyn Moist when she resigned from the Council in 2008.

In January 2009, Kingsteignton gained the status of becoming a Town and Carol has since led the way with her ever growing team of staff and increasing workload.

Carol returned home on Monday 26th October, from a weekend away after attending her youngest son's wedding, to a very quick, small surprise outdoor celebration in her garden with 3 of her staff. Carol was pleasantly surprised to receive gifts and share a bottle of bubbly as glasses were raised to toast her remarkable achievement in marking 25 years!

Pictured left to right are: Maintenance Officer, Dave Turner, Communications Officer, Shirley Simmons, Town Clerk, Carol Lakin and Deputy Clerk, Michelle Lewis-Clarke.



At the November Full Council meeting, Mayor, Cllr Dave Rollason made a virtual presentation to Carol, of a traditional brass Carriage Clock, inscribed with the words *"Presented to Carol Lakin, Town Clerk, by Kingsteignton Town Council, in grateful recognition for twenty five years of loyal service, October 23 2020"*.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Beryl Austen also marks significant date!

A second presentation also took place at Kingsteignton Town Council's November Full Council Meeting, by Mayor, Councillor Dave Rollason to mark a significant 90th Birthday for Deputy Mayor, Councillor Beryl Austen, who is a long standing member of Kingsteignton Town Council and Teignbridge District Council. Town Council committee members presented Beryl with a hybrid tea rose (one of Beryl's favourite shrubs). Beryl also received a one off 'Lifetime Citizenship Award' in the form of a beautiful glass plaque inscribed with the words *'Presented to Councillor Beryl Austen, by Mayor David Rollason on the occasion of her 90th birthday, in appreciation of her long and valued service'*. This was also inscribed on the back from Kingsteignton Town Council.

Thankfully a couple of Beryl's neighbours and one of her sons' were able to hold a small pre-lockdown celebration with Beryl, whilst enjoying a few nibbles and a slice of birthday cake at the same time as having some rather large numbered balloons floating around the room!

VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKERS' SPOTTED IN FORE STREET!

As our Mayor Cllr Dave Rollason and his wife, Mayoress, Sue Rollason walked along Fore Street one day recently, they came across two volunteer litter pickers, Des and Geoff! Both of these men are work colleagues who get out regularly for a walk together around the Town. It was wife Sheila, who inspired them to do something useful whilst out walking the dog! So as depicted here, Spaniel accompanied by Des and Geoff, donning their litter pickers and black bags, stepping out ready to collect litter cast away by a few thoughtless people, spoiling the streets for others.

Our sincere thanks go to Des and Geoff and also to any other residents who do such a worthwhile job for our Town. We hope that this will inspire many others to keep Kingsteignton, litter free!



W.I. Celebrate their 50th Anniversary 1970—2020 with display of Remembrance Poppies



Members of Kingsteignton Post Meridian W.I. celebrated their 50th Anniversary by decorating the Fountain area in Kingsteignton recently to mark remembrance day. Over 2000 handcrafted poppies made by themselves, friends and ladies from the Churches Mothers Union were displayed. Some poppy wreaths were placed on the bollards, garlands and the words 'Lest We Forget' draped over the benches, poppies on sticks were placed in the planters (to suggest the poppy fields) and a large framed sheet of poppies draped over the mosaic, in commemoration of the horses and all of the animals that lost their lives in WWI and WWII, (this piece was made by Linda Bearne). The purple poppies were in honour of the animals and the white poppies represented the conscientious objectors who refused to fight but went into the trenches as stretcher bearers and tended to the wounded.



This display has been significant for remembrance and made even more poignant this year as the Royal British Legion were unable to hold their normal remembrance parade, which usually passes by the Fountain on the way to St. Michael's Church and the War Memorial.

Kingsteignton Town Council would like to express their sincere thanks to all involved for creating a truly amazing display and tribute to our fallen in years gone by.

POLITE REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS....PLEASE PICK IT UP!

Could we please ask that all dog owners be respectful and pick up their dogs mess.

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.

You can be fined if your dog is out of control in public or you do not pick up after it.

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 dog warden will investigate all complaints of dog fouling, patrol problem areas and prosecute offenders.



Environmental Hotline: 0800 328 6402 or call TDC—01626 361101

INTERIM DEVON CARBON PLAN

The consultation of the Interim Devon Carbon Plan is now live! The plan is a collaborative roadmap to creating a net-zero Devon where people and nature thrive and is Devon's response to the global climate emergency,

The time has now come for your chance to offer further thoughts and feedback. Residents are asked to take part in the Interim Devon Carbon Plan consultation, which lasts for 10 weeks and begins on Monday December 7th, 2020.

Devon Climate Emergency (DCE) partnership wants to hear your views on key actions which outline some of the transformational changes which are required to create a thriving net-zero Devon.

The Interim Devon Carbon Plan will be updated to a final plan after the Citizens' Assembly, now in 2021 due to Covid-19.

The actions cover a broad range of topics which will allow us to build back better. Addressing the climate and ecological emergency is an opportunity to create a fairer, healthier, more resilient and prosperous society.

DCE is requesting feedback from Devon's citizens to indicate to what extent they agree with the proposed actions.

Have your say at: www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/interimcarbonplan



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Community Hall

Rydon Road,

Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP

SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED AT COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr Alex Khan who is predominantly concentrating his efforts as a Town Councillor to improve our climate emergency strategy, has invested his time in pursuing the installation of Solar Panels at the Community Hall/ Council Offices. Local company, South West Free Energy undertook the installation of fitting a total of 14 no. JA Solar 340W monocrystalline solar panels each rated at 320W, to the south facing side of the Mary Hall Suite roof, adjoining the Community Hall. This will generate enough electricity to power the demands of the building and any surplus power will be exported to the national grid and will generate an income through being able to claim the smart export guarantee (SEG) which can pay up to 5p per kWh depending on supplier rates.

CCTV INSTALLED

Please be advised that additional CCTV cameras have now been installed and are in operation along Newton Road and the area surrounding the Fountain.

These are in addition to the ones previously installed earlier this year in Oakford Lawn and Clifford Park.

These cameras are owned by Kingsteignton Town Council and will be operated by Newton Abbot Security Trust.

Policies regarding CCTV will be placed on the Council website, please visit:-

www.kingsteignton.gov.uk



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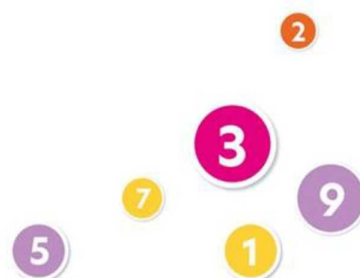
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Office Opening Hours: 9:30am -12:30pm Monday—Friday

Christmas/New Year Closure: Friday 18th December 2020

Re-opening: 9:30am Monday 4th January 2021

OFFICE STAFF: Town Clerk, Carol Lakin clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk

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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 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

NB: In December, Finance, Community Hall & Recreation, Works, Services & Planning Committees all meet on Wednesday 9th December, 2020.

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

Mayor's Message:-

We reach the end of the year with a sense of hope, which for many will hardly compensate for the multiple hardships suffered by individuals, families and the community. As we move on, we will always remember those we have lost and the pain it has caused. What we do have to be thankful for is that Teignbridge (as at 25th November) is reported to have one of the lowest CV19 infection rates in Devon. I think as a result of people like us facing up to adopting the harsh guidelines, that are our only way to beat the virus. Also because of those in our community having been so kind, helping each other.

Also, we can be grateful for the work of those who have produced vaccines so we know things will change in the coming year. The fight and the hardship will continue for a while yet and the economic impact has yet to run its course. Let us continue to work together to deal with this as we are dealing with the virus. Thank you.

I wish you all the best Christmas you can have and a better year in 2021. *Dave Rollason*, Mayor, Cllr Dave Rollason



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 & DRAINAGE: **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)

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: 0344 411 1444