



KINGSTEIGNTON
TOWN COUNCIL



Spring 2024 Newsletter

Mayor's Charity 2023/2024

"Walking Alongside" - KingsCare Mental Health Support

Kingsteignton in Bloom 2024

Application Launch Date:
Monday 29th April

Application Closing Date:
Friday 28th June

Judging Days:
Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July

Awards Presentation:
Saturday 27th July 5pm
Community Hall, Rydon Road

Our next town gardening competition launches very soon, so please start readying your gardens!

The Categories you can compete in are: Single Hanging Basket or Window Box; Group of Hanging Baskets or Window Boxes; Children's Container; Single Container; Group of Containers; Children's Garden; Vegetable Garden; Recycled/Reclaimed Garden; Garden for Primary Schools, Preschools, Nurseries and Childminders; Commercial Property Garden; Small Garden; Senior Citizens Small Garden; Large Garden; Senior Citizens Large Garden and Best Garden overall.

Following the feedback regarding concern gardens not being seen in their best light/condition owing to the torrential rain on day one of judging last year, it was agreed that part of the application process this year would include participants sending in their own photograph of their garden entry in order that they can capture their garden when they feel its at its best. Our application process will be available on our website on 29th April 2024. We look forward to seeing your beautiful gardens and hope to receive lots of entries!

Kingsteignton Community Coffee Mornings

The New Year saw the first of our community coffee mornings get off to a great start on Saturday 13th January!

Held at the Community Hall between 10am and 12:30pm, residents came together to enjoy a FREE tea, coffee and cake. It enabled people to meet and chat with others, some of who may have been socially isolated or just wanted to meet new people.

Children enjoyed simple crafting activities which were and will always be themed around the time of year.

We look forward to welcoming more people throughout the year and continuing to build our community, please see the forthcoming dates of these future events and please don't miss the Easter special!



Join Kingsteignton Town Council for a

Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th May 2024

Saturday 8th June 2024

Saturday 6th July 2024

10:00am - 12:30pm

Community Hall

Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP

Feel free to pop in for a FREE tea, coffee and
cake so that we can:

hear how things are in your local area;
help you get a little more company if you'd like;
have the chance to meet other residents and
generally be more accessible to you.

There will be some simple activities for children to get
involved with and we would love to see all generations
mixing together and getting to know one another!





You're invited to our

EASTER COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6th April 2024

10:00am - 12:30pm

Community Hall,

Rydon Road, Kingsteignton

Pop in for a FREE hot drink and cake;

have a chat;

go on an egg hunt; and

make an easter craft!

ALL ages very welcome



Kingsteignton Town Council

So, what have the Kingsteignton Facilities Maintenance Team been doing lately?

The last few months the team have been facing the elements of torrential rain, gales and shivering through the cold snap experienced in January to carry out their daily routines and continue with maintenance requirements throughout the town. They got their ladders out and stepped up to clean the signs around the town, (pictured below are two of them working along Clay Pits Way).

One of the picnic benches was refurbished and re-installed in Clifford Park and refurbishment of the benches in Oakford Lawn continued. They were also involved with events put on by the town council during the festive period.



*Pictured above left to right: Facilities Maintenance Officers:- Gareth Lee & Dan Turner with before and after cleaning of the signs.
Below: Refurbished benches in Oakford Lawn and Clifford Park*



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Friday 17th May 2024 at 6:30pm

At The Community Hall

Residents are invited to attend this meeting

Presentations by Councillors of work completed by Committees.

If you have any questions or issues you would like to raise, please email:-
clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk to arrive no later than noon on Monday 13th May 2024

Council Office, The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP

Tel: 01626 364089

Additional Bus Shelters

We have recently installed two additional bus shelters to protect our residents from the weather whilst waiting for the bus to arrive. There is also a small seat provided.

One of which has been sited in close proximity to the Kingsteignton Medical Practice in Gestridge Road and the other in Greenhill Way close to the Greenhill Residential Care Home.

As a council, we also use bus shelters to advertise town council notices and posters for our forthcoming events.



Community Speedwatch

For the period between 28/11/2023 and 24/1/2024, the community Speedwatch team took part in four sessions. 131 drivers were reported to the police for speeding.

We were pleased to have a brief visit from our local police at one of our sessions.

Alarming, the new site on the corner of Brook Way and Exeter Road showed a rate in excess of 40% of passing traffic speeding over 35 mph: 53 vehicles out of a total of 126 in one hour. Two vehicles were recorded at 49mph.

Two speeding Teignbridge Recycling lorries were reported to Teignbridge Council for racing each other along Exeter Road at 38 mph.

The Speedwatch team have agreed that the two locations best suited to the VAS (vehicle-activated signs) would be the Exeter Road site, recording traffic entering the town from the A380 approaching Brook Corner, and Strap Lane. Until a pavement is constructed on Broadway Road, VAS (vehicle activated signs) would also be beneficial here, the speeding traffic here is particularly dangerous for pedestrians.

When talking to members of the public, who often thank us for our work, they have expressed enthusiasm for VAS (vehicle activated signs).

We are still waiting for a new site on Longford Lane to be approved by the police.

Report by: Cllr Tilson-Hawke, Community Speed Watch Representative.

Opening Day Saturday 13th April

KINGSTEIGNTON SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE WELCOME YOU TO THE START OF OUR 2024 SEASON



MEADOWCROFT DRIVE
KINGSTEIGNTON
TQ12 3PB
Tel No. 01626 386480

Email:

info@kingsteigntonswimmingpool.org.uk

Website:

<https://kingsteigntonswimmingpool.org.uk/>

Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club presented large donation to Kingsteignton Swimming Pool

Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club Chairman, John Wouters presented a cheque for £1,500 to Kingsteignton Swimming Pool's Vice Chair, Linda Dawe, at their final coffee morning event of 2023.

Senior Citizens Club members' had kindly made weekly donations throughout 2023 and had held two charity events at the club during the year where they had held grand prize draws, tombolas, cake and book sales and had other stalls selling goods, which resulted in the funds being raised.

A spokesperson for the Senior Citizens Club said "the swimming pool is a worthy charity for the Kingsteignton community to keep open."

If you are interested in finding out more about the Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club, please contact:- Tony Mills on Tel: 07494 087891

Pictured left to right:-

*KSCC Chairman John Wouters,
KSP Vice Chair Linda Dawe,
KSCC Treasurer Nigel Dilke-
Wing, KSP Committee member
Lin Brewer and KSCC President
Brian Powe*

- KSCC Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club
- KSP Kingsteignton Swimming Pool



Unveiling of the Kingsteignton Youth Centre and Kingsteignton Swimming Pool Plaques



Pictured above:- Councillor Julie Scagell and Mayor Councillor Ron Peart.



Pictured above:- Councillor Martin Field, Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, Councillor Julie Scagell, Trustees Beryl Austen, Sue and Dave Rollason.

On Saturday 24th February 2024, Kingsteignton Mayor and Chair of the Youth Centre Councillor Ron Peart and Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Hall Recreation Committee, Councillors Julie Scagell and Martin Field respectively, unveiled a plaque at the Kingsteignton Youth Centre along with Trustees Beryl Austen, Sue and Dave Rollason.

A plaque was also unveiled at the Swimming Pool along with Chair Ms Clair Parker. These plaques have been mounted outside of both venues to mark the association of the organisations (both charities) and the town council who give financial support to ensure that these valuable facilities are retained for the people of our town. Kingsteignton Youth Centre is a great venue for hosting parties, meetings, clubs and social get-togethers as well as offering two weekly youth club sessions for youngsters aged between 8 and 18 years old. And Kingsteignton Swimming Pool is so important to enable everybody to learn a valuable life skill as well as keeping fit at whatever level you choose. It offers inclusive facilities for all.

To find out more about the youth centre please visit: www.facebook.com/kingsteignton-youth-centre or Tel: 07598 752896 and for the swimming pool please visit: kingsteigntonswimmingpool.org.uk or Tel: 01626 366480



Pictured left to right:- Councillor Martin Field, Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, Councillor Julie Scagell and Ms Clair Parker - Chair of Kingsteignton Swimming Pool.



King's Teignton Ram Fair —27th May 2024

The annual King's Teignton Ram Fair will once again take place at Oakford Lawn on Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 27th May 2024, the gates will open at 11:45 am. There will be the Maypole dancing from the young children from around the town, the crowning of the May Queen, children's sports, circus skills workshops, children's entertainer, a display by Newton Abbot Martial Arts and face painters and many stalls. And as long as there are no emergencies, the Newton Abbot Fire and Rescue crew and truck will be there again too!

The committee are still looking for new members before the existing ones retire and the ram fair finishes for good. If you are interested in wanting to keep this traditional event going please E-mail the existing members on:- info@kingsteigntonramfair.co.uk or phone/text 07305 238960 and leave a message.

Stover Canal Celebrates 25th Anniversary

It has been 25 years since the formation of the original Stover Canal Society and an exhibition is due to take place during August this year at Newton's Place in celebration.

The little known, industrial canal, originally opened in 1792, was completely overgrown. The Society was formed in September 1999, to reclaim and promote it.

In 2006, the Stover Canal Trust was formed to execute legal documents which enabled volunteers to start the renovation in 2009.

Since then, the canal side footpath, has been cleared of overgrowth, from Jetty Marsh to the Old Exeter Road at Teignbridge. Linking with the Stover Way cycle and walkway, and parts of the Templer Way, this enables canal side access along the whole two miles of the canal. The Graving Dock has been cleared of overgrowth and Ventiford Basin restored to water and a replica crane has been installed. Signposts, benches, and picnic tables have been placed for the benefit of walkers and cyclists. The canal bed is being cleared of debris, and new trees donated from the Woodland Trust are being planted alongside the channel in mitigation.



Pictured above: Ventiford Basin, Stover Canal

Although the canal is on the outskirts of Kingsteignton, the town council has always recognised the benefits to residents of having easy access to peaceful countryside on their doorstep for quiet reflection and exercise. The Trust is extremely grateful to their generous and on-going support for the restoration by way of grants for equipment and projects.

New members and volunteers are always welcome.

For more information, see the website:

www.stovercanal.co.uk and

the Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stovercanal

Written by Trustee, Rob Harris



Pictured above: Graving Dock, Stover Canal

Congratulations to our Town Crier Jackie!

We are very proud to announce that our Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards, won the Hatherleigh Town Criers competition which was held as an event at the Hatherleigh Carnival in November 2023.

Jackie was absolutely ecstatic when she was awarded the 'Best Town Crier' trophy and the iconic Tar Barrel award! Jackie had competed against over 20 other Town Criers who had travelled from far and wide throughout the country.

This was a real accolade for Jackie as competing in a predominantly male led role as a Town Crier is always a real challenge trying to project your voice so that you can be heard and deliver your speech in the right pitch as well as meet other criteria.

Pictured left to right:- Kingsteignton Town Crier Jackie Edwards and Hatherleigh Town Crier Rosalind Charlton Chard.

Don't forget..

If you would like our Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards to make an announcement at an event you are planning to hold, then please contact Jackie direct.

Please e-mail:- jackie.edwards.uk@gmail.com



Kingsteignton Town Council Inaugural Town Crier Competition

Saturday 1st June 2024 has been secured in the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers official Guild Competitions calendar as the date of the inaugural Kingsteignton Town Crier Competition!

Invitations have been issued to Town Criers all over the country, from Penzance in Cornwall to Helmsley in North Yorkshire and we look forward to seeing many participating at our first competition.

The history of Town Criers is long and varied and as well as there being town competitions there are also competitions in different countries in addition to there being an International one!

Jackie Edwards, our wonderful Town Crier, will host the event, as being the local Town Crier, she is not permitted to compete and will have to perform a benchmark cry only.

Jackie has performed the role of Town Crier for Kingsteignton for over 8 years and is thrilled to welcome other competitors to her beloved town. This role she undertakes as a volunteer, within which she travels across the country competing on behalf of Kingsteignton.

The competition will take place at the Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP and members of the public are welcome to come and watch proceedings. Details surrounding timings will be shared on our website and FaceBook page nearer the time.

Those performing will have their Cries judged on Clarity, Diction, Volume, Inflection and being Best Dressed. Separate judges are required for each judging criteria. Participants must perform their hometown cry first and then the themed bench mark cry in the second round. These Cries must strictly be no longer than 125 words in length.

We hope you'll come along and support what we hope to be a new and very successful event for our town!

If you're a business who would like to support the event, please do get in touch with our Events Officer, Bex, on 01626 364089 or email: assistanttoclerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk

We'll be looking for **local** items that could form part of the small gift that is presented to the participants to note a town's thanks for them taking the time to come and participate in the competition.

Spring Community Litter Pick

Volunteers Needed!

We're trying to make this place a little more beautiful, but we need your help



Sunday 24th March 2024

Two teams covering East and West Kingsteignton

If you would like to help please email:
assistanttoclerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk or
pop into the office Mon-Fri 9:30am-12:30pm
or call 01626 364 089 to register your interest



Kingsteignton Town Council

Hedgehog Highways update...

Updating on our prickly friends now that they are emerging from their winter hibernation...

As a nation we need to protect hedgehogs as they are in decline and we do not want them to become another extinct species. We ask you to please be mindful when clearing your gardens in Spring, as they may be using an old pile of garden debris or be under a hedge or even your shed. Please also remember that if you happen to see a hedgehog out in the daytime, this could mean that there is something wrong, it could be ill, orphaned, or in need of help, so please contact: ELM Wildlife Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation, Tel: 07971 276658 located at Unit 5, Hayter Hames, Seale Hayne, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6NQ

Please keep us updated on hedgehogs in Kingsteignton by emailing:
commsofficer@kingsteignton.gov.uk



*Pictured:-
Hedgehogs
visiting one
of our
residents
gardens,
thank you
for sending
it in.*

Update on the Devon County Council Public Consultation Re. Broadway Road and Tweenways



Please accept our apologies for the previously advertised Devon County Council consultation, having been delayed. Due to matters beyond our control we are still awaiting a consultation date from Devon County Council.

As soon as we have a confirmed date we will post it on our noticeboards around the town as well as announcing it on our news page on our website www.kingsteignton.gov.uk and on our Facebook page.

Kingsteignton Town Council Festive Events

Kingsteignton Mayor Councillor Ron Peart held his Annual Civic Carol Service on Friday 8th December at 7pm at the Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton. The event was opened by Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards who delivered her joyful seasonal message, followed by a warm welcome from Mayor Councillor Ron Peart to his fellow dignitaries' from other local towns and parishes, invited guests, Kingsteignton Town Councillors and to the children from St. Michael's Primary School who sang beautifully.

Kingsteignton Town Council's Mayor Councillor Ron Peart also welcomed a huge number of residents to the free 'Carol's Around the Tree' festive event, which took place at the Community Hall on the evening of Friday 15th December. Father Christmas made a surprise visit and children were delighted to see him and his elf inside the bubble house where they received a small gift!

Thanks go to all who participated within both of the above events and to all who attended. We hope you all enjoyed them and hope to see you all again in December 2024!

Kingsteignton Knit and Natter Circle

The Kingsteignton Knit and Natter Circle meets at the Ten Tors Inn on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. This group not only meets for the wonderful companionship it creates in our community but also produces items which are sold at numerous events to raise money for community projects and charities.

This year, their nominated charity is "KingsCare", and in addition to this they also have their wonderful ongoing association with the Exeter Neonatal unit, and a special project centred around the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. They are attending the spring craft fair at the Royal British Legion in Kingsteignton on the 24th March, so it would be great to meet new people there.

The group enjoys a monthly lunch, two organised craft related outings each year and their Christmas lunch which is always a great afternoon. Their hosts, the Ten Tors Inn, are very supportive, Luke and his team are always so welcoming!

The group also have small seasonal projects to support his charities too. The most recent one was raising money for the Devon Air Ambulance by making hearts for Valentine's Day. It was a sell out, so they have been busy making roses for Mother's Day and proceeds for these will go to the pub's charity.

To join or for more information please contact: Sue Welland on Mobile: 07989 516881 or Email: suewelland57@gmail.com



Kingsteignton Bowling Club

Kingsteignton Bowling Club describe themselves as being like the Windmill Theatre during the last war, they never close, they play all year round. They welcome new members of the public to take a look, have free tuition and use the club's equipment. Suitable footwear is required (flat soled shoes with no heel). Bowls is open all year round owing to their all-weather playing surface.

So if anyone is interested, please pop along and visit them, they are located in Berry Lane, (the pathway that runs off Fore Street one end (opposite the Bell Inn and from Sandpath Road the other end—opposite the church in Kingsteignton), or to find out more, please contact them:

Tel: 07887 525838 Email: kingsteigntonbowlsclub@gmail.com

Kingsteignton Tennis Club is now an 'Award winning club'



On 24th January the Kingsteignton Tennis Club was named as 'Club of the Year' at the Devon County Award ceremony and also won the Tennis for All trophy.

The club coach, Rachael Jacobs, was nominated in the Development Coach of the Year category.

Devon Tennis received a number of high-quality nominations, and to be judged as a County winner is exceptional and testament to the fantastic contributions the club made in tennis over the past year.

Both awards reflect the club's aim to be a local small friendly club that welcomes all players and abilities, with a new club hut and repainted courts being undertaken in 2023. Their memberships now include pro-rata and Winter prices for new members, which makes tennis more accessible and affordable. The club works with the local community and in 2023 supported the Beyond the Baseline programme by hosting an event for local schools.

Sunday morning junior coaching is extremely well attended by members and non-members alike. Lessons are fun and positive, using different activities and apparatus which helps players gain in confidence.

The club will also now be put forward for the Regional Awards, which will be judged later in the Spring.

To find out more about Kingsteignton Tennis Club, please contact the Club Secretary, Elly Maynard by Email: elly.maynard@hotmail.com





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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DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

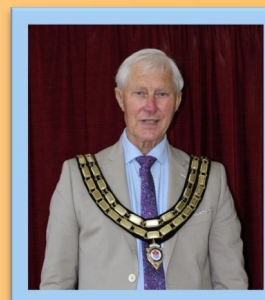
Ron Peart (<i>Conservative</i>)	01626 362260
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Mayors Message

June and I attended Kingsteignton Town Council Community Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th January 2024. This was an opportunity to meet your local councillors and members of our local police team. Free coffee and cakes were provided and it was good to see members of our knitting group and other residents and families attend. June and I spent some time talking to residents about any issues they may have had along with other councillors who had attended. We are looking forward to the next Easter special event on Saturday 6th April between 10:00 am to 12:30pm and hope that you may be able to join us.

These events are a great opportunity to meet other people and we can put you in touch with other groups and events that happen in our town.

Mayor Cllr *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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