

FREE ENTRY community event for the residents of Kingsteignton

### CONGRATULATIONS TO KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN CLERK ON ACHIEVING HER CILCA QUALIFICATION

Congratulations to our Town Clerk Mrs Michelle Lewis-Clarke for her recent achievement. Having studied hard since September 2023 Michelle has been awarded the Certificate in Local Council Administration, passing with flying colours. This nationally recognised level 3 qualification will provide Kingsteignton Town Council with greater opportunities for grant funding applications, helping the council gain the general power of competence and apply for a Quality Award.

CiLCA has been tailored to meet the occupational standards for clerks and chief officers of a local council, giving a broad knowledge of all the aspects of a clerk's work including roles and responsibilities, the law, procedures, finance planning and community involvement.

Furthermore, CiLCA helps achieve standards of good practice and builds the reputation of local councils in a fast-changing world.

Michelle is also a member of NALC (National Association of Local Councils), DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) and the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks).





### **KINGSTEIGNTON MAYOR & DEPUTY ELECTED FOR 2024 – 2025**



Pictured left: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Scagell and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart

Pictured below: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Scagell and Councillor Bill Thorne



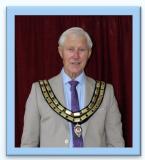
At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Community Hall, Kingsteignton, Councillors re-elected Councillor Ron Peart as Mayor and elected Councillor Julie Scagell as Deputy Mayor. Both will serve their community for the next term of office from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 until April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart has served six previous terms between 2016-2019 and 2021-2024 and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Scagell has previously fulfilled the role of Deputy Mayor for two terms of office between 2019/2021. Retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bill Thorne did the honours of graciously handing over the Deputy Mayor's Chain to Councillor Julie Scagell.

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May Kingsteignton Town Council held their Annual Town meeting. This event was a chance for residents of the town to catch up on achievements and work that councillors and staff have carried out during the last 12 months.

Presentations to the public explaining what has happened over the past year. I started the presentation with an overview of events including King Charles III's Coronation event on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 held in the grounds of the town council building and main hall.



I covered many other events that had taken place and work our outside staff had done keeping the town looking well kept. It was then the turn of other councillors to explain what they do at their committees they chair.

It was then time to give out Kingsteignton Town Council annual grants to the successful clubs and organisations who applied. Each one received a cheque for their projects, this will benefit their members and the community of Kingsteignton.

My next duty was to award the Kingsteignton Citizenship Award. This year I presented the award to Jeanne Langridge who was nominated by a former Girl Guide. Jeanne has volunteered for over 37 years with Kingsteignton Girl Guides. It was a great pleasure to give Jeanne her framed certificate and orchid.

Our final part of the evening was an opportunity for residents to raise local concerns or queries and this led to some actions for councillors to look into. The evening ended with refreshments.

June and I were invited to attend Kingsteignton Ram Roasting Fair, this took place at the town's Oakford Lawn on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Town Crier, Jackie Edwards, officially opened the fair and despite the occasional shower, visitors flocked to this annual charity event. I was happy to crown the May Queen as Mayor of Kingsteignton. Crowds were entertained by traditional maypole dancing from local youngsters.

The day offered many attractions and on behalf of the town council I would like to thank everyone involved for organising this event for our town.

Our final event was on Saturday 1st June, Kingsteignton's very first town crier competition. Criers from across the country attended this competition organised by Kingsteignton Town Council. June and I had a great day along with members of the public. I would like to thank our town crier, Jackie Edwards and all the other town criers who travelled to take part in this event and all involved.

I am pleased that we will be holding a new Community Festival event on Saturday 10th August at the Community Hall and grounds, this will be similar to our event held last year for the King's Coronation. Entry will be free and there will be live music from Roger Styles, Pure Diamond and The Liberty Sisters in the marquee. There will be plenty of childrens entertainment and activities. A licensed bar and food stalls will also be available.

On Sunday 10th November, my wife June and I will join the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Parade through the town to St. Michael's Church and the War Memorial in Sandpath Road. It is hoped that many residents will also mark their respects by either watching the passing parade or by joining us at the War Memorial.



I have once again selected "Walking Alongside" KingsCare Mental Health Charity as the Mayor's Charity.

These vital funds help towards meeting the increased demand for mental health services offered by KingsCare.

Just prior to the end of my mayoral term 2023 – 2024, on Tuesday 30th April 2024, I presented the Mayor's charity cheque to the value of £131.98 to Maggie Bonnell for the "Walking Alongside" KingsCare Mental Health Charity. Funds raised had been collected from the Mayor's Civic Carol Service which was held on Friday 8th December 2023.

Thank you to all invited guests for attending.

Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart Ron Peart

Pictured left:

Mrs Maggie Bonnell—Manager of KingsCare and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart



### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**



Pictured above left: Mrs Jeanne Langridge— Girl Guiding and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart



Pictured above right: Chris Rattenbury—Kings Boxing and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart

On Friday 17th May 2024 members of the community attended the Annual Town Meeting held at the Community Hall. Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart welcomed everybody to the meeting and then commenced his presentation alongside Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Scagell (Chair of the Community Hall/Recreation) and Councillor Martin Field and as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee to report on the work that has been achieved throughout the town in the last twelve months.

Presentation of grants to local clubs and organisations took place to the representatives of the successful town's clubs and organisations who applied for Kingsteignton Town Council annual grants were presented with a cheque, enabling them to progress with their current projects and benefiting their members and the community of Kingsteignton.

A final presentation of the evening was made to the first 'Volunteer Community Citizen of the Year' recipient, Mrs Jeanne Langridge, a stalwart volunteer of over 37 years for Kingsteignton Girl Guiding, by Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart. Jeanne had been nominated by a former Girl Guide whose daughter is now a Girl Guide under Jeanne's nurturing development. Congratulations! Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart thanked everybody for attending.



Pictured above: Club/Organisation recipients of Grant Awards 2024 with Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart (centre)

### Kingsteignton Community Coffee Mornings

We have now held five of our community coffee mornings since we introduced them at the beginning of 2024.

These get togethers are being held on a monthly basis where possible and will sometimes be integrated within our other events. Held at the Community Hall between 10am and 12:00pm, residents come together to enjoy a FREE cup of tea, coffee and cake. It has enabled many people to meet and chat with others and socialise.

Children of all ages have enjoyed simple crafting activities which are 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.



# Kingsteignton InauguralTown Crier's Competition 2024

On Saturday 1st June 2024, our Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards, accompanied by her Consort John Hart, welcomed her invited special guests and Town Criers from all over the country to participate within the Town Council's first ever Town Crier competition. Bells rang and voices projected the cries of "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!" as the competition commenced at 10am in the grounds of the Community Hall.

Jackie thanked all her guests and public for attending.





### Winners of the Kingsteignton Town Crier Competition 2024

1st Place Crier John Pitt Plymouth

1st Place Best Dressed Crier John Pitt Plymouth Town Crier



Pictured left to right:

Kingsteignton Town Crier's Consort, John Hart, Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart, Plymouth Town Crier John Pitt and Kingsteignton Town Crier Jackie Edwards.





2nd Place Crier Paul Gough Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Crier Pictured above

Best Dressed Escort Kassa Retter Honiton Pictured right



3rd Place Crier John Collingwood Bridport Town Crier Pictured above

Best Dressed Couple Andrew and Julie Fox Ilminster (not pictured)

**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 Wild LAUNCH NATURE TRAIL

The new Kingsteignton Nature Trail has been launched. Copies of the leaflets are available from the Community Larder outside the Community Hall and at Kingsteignton Library. Digital copies can be found on the 'Kingsteignton Wild\*' page along with Spotter Sheets to help you identify wildlife or email kingsteigntonwild@gmail.com

The Kingsteignton Wild Facebook group has lots of information about local nature events and things you can do to improve nature where you live.

Kingsteignton Wild attended the Ram Roast and despite the heavy showers, had a great time talking to local people about the new Kingsteignton Nature Trail and handing out wildlife leaflets and spotter sheets. Also on the stall were activities for children including making a nature crown, making stickers using ink and stamps (butterflies, ladybirds etc.), butterfly colouring and a nature scavenger hunt.

Kingsteignton Wild has worked with Kingsteignton Town Council to include a new category to the 2024 Kingsteignton in Bloom competition called 'Best Wildlife Garden'. It would be great if you could share your photos of wildlife gardens on the 'Kingsteignton Wild\*' page or email kingsteigntonwild@gmail.com

If you would like to find out more or get involved with Kingsteignton Wild please email kingsteigntonwild@gmail.com



### **BLAZE TRAILS**

Blaze Trails is a UK parent and baby walking community. Blaze Trails help people connect with nature, with their babies and toddlers and with other families by organising group walks and providing information improve parents' confidence to get outdoors. All their walks are free and organised by trained parent volunteers. They have a local group which can be found on Facebook page called 'Blaze Trails - South Devon Parent & Baby Walking Group' and they use Mighty Networks

(<u>https://community.blazetrails.org.uk/</u>) as a platform to communicate information about the walks and sign up. They have some walks already planned for Kingsteignton and neighbouring parishes over the summer months.

### **D DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION**





On Thursday 6th June we commemorated the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France.

Remembering and never forgetting the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved and paying our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.

From 9:00am in the morning a commemorative flag was flying on our flag pole outside the Council offices and remained there for one week.

At 9:15pm Rev'd Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley read The International Tribute as the Lamp Light of Peace was lit. This was in line with Beacons being lit all across the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and France.

The "Lamp Light Of Peace" is a traditional Oil Lantern. Its Ruby Red colouring represents the ultimate sacrifice made by brave men and women across the globe. The light from the flame will represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war.

Pictured below: Kingsteignton Mayor and Deputy, Town Councillors and family, Reverend Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley and Council Staff.





### **KING'S TEIGNTON RAM ROAST FAIR 2024**

The rain showers couldn't dampen the spirits of those who attended the King's Teignton Ram Roasting Fair this year. The sun shone for the Crowning of the May Queen, Ebony Bernard and her attendants Maggie Jones and Ariyah Syms. The Maypole Dancers performed two sets of traditional dances during the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by local groups, Tano Taiko drummers, ZC Dance and Newton Abbot Martial Arts.

The committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help on the day, a real community effort. The **SAVE THE RAM ROAST** campaign saw a number of people showing an interest in helping to run the Fair next year. If you would like to help in anyway please e-mail <u>info@kingsteigntonramfair.co.uk</u> or phone/ text **07305 238960**.



Pictured opposite left to right seated: Attendant, Maggie Jones, May Queen, Ebony Bernard, Attendant, Ariyah Syms.

Crown Escort party left to right: Leila Shepherd, Lola Belcher, Betsy Roberts.

Town Crier Jackie Edwards, Mayoress June Peart and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart crowning the May Queen.



SAVE THE RAM ROAST Or 2025 COULD BE THE LAST ONE EVER...

You can help save it!

# Autumn Community Litter Pick

Volunteers Needed! We're trying to make our town a little more beautiful, but we need your help

### Sunday 20th October 2024

### 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Small groups of 2 or more covering Kingsteignton

If you would like to get involved please email: events@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 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024** 



### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COMMUNITY HALL/RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The recreational spaces that we are responsible for include Oakford Lawn, Clifford Park, Cottey Meadow and the delightful Kindle Corner. All these areas are kept clear, clean and safe for all to enjoy.

All the areas of The Community Hall come under this committee, the interior and exterior of the space.

The Kingsteignton in Bloom Competition is going from strength to strength, we are adding a new category for the forthcoming year—Best Wildlife Garden, good luck to all entering!

We re-named the quiet garden at Oakford Lawn to be the Family Garden to encourage more usage. A budget has been set to plant this area. A discussion has taken place to put in some solar lighting at the Sorrell Court end of Oakford Lawn.

The Carols Around the Tree, is a smashing yearly event that is growing in popularity. This year we had the Bubble House for Santa and his Elf which was queued around the hall. We have also increased the Christmas lights around the town and hope residents and visitors enjoyed them.

Another agreement was made to purchase new cooking equipment for the kitchen, this will make cooking and preparing meals more enjoyable when the kitchen is hired out.

Our Assistant to the Clerk and Events Officer, Bex Hooper, has got stuck in to her role and is doing a marvellous job, having just recently run a Spring Community Litter Pick, which was quite a logistical event to organise. It was very well attended and Teignbridge District Council took 25 bags of rubbish away.

This year the Facilities Maintenance Team have had their hours increased, with the town expanding, we must also grow.

It was agreed and budgeted the Facilities Maintenance Officers will be re-decorating the community hall during the school summer holidays and we have new curtains on order for this room which are also being fitted then, in order to minimise disturbance to Tiny Toes Pre-School and other lettings.

Additionally agreed was the decision to enable our Town Crier to host the first Kingsteignton Town Crier competition, on Saturday 1st June. Jackie Edwards has been our Crier for over 8 years and we are very proud of her.

I hope you will agree with me in saying that all Kingsteignton Town Council staff do an exemplary job and are constantly going above and beyond. If you have any questions about this committee, please speak to me.

Councillor Julie Scagell, Chair of the Community Hall/Recreation Committee

A copy of the full annual report can be viewed online or at the Kingsteignton Town Council Office.

### **KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024**



### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

When the finance committee meetings are held, our purpose is to discuss the relevant matters on the prepared agenda and then vote and decide on the various action points. The occurrence of these finance meetings is currently bi-monthly.

In the Autumn our Responsible Finance Officer Mr Philip Banner, produces the draft income and expenditure documents and from this information, the council precept is set by our committee. The setting of the precept is important part of the finance committee's responsibility as the precept can only be set against the expected cost analysis for the year.

For the accurate assessment of the budget, for the year to be evaluated correctly, the full cost of everything our council is responsible for, is documented. However, to enable the town to be at its best, we currently undertake some items that are not strictly our responsibility. One example would be the clearing of footpaths and surrounding verges and leats by our own Facilities Maintenance Officers.

In April the main item on the meeting agenda is to discuss and approve the community grant applications. It is with great pleasure that we approve these applications to our local clubs and organisations, who make this town a great community to be a part of. The council always support the swimming pool and the youth centre as standard. Other clubs and organisations are welcome to apply also and do so in many numbers. We know these grants are very welcomed and treasured.

The current team of seven finance committee members are always aligned in their collective responsibility and are very committed, which ensures stability. Our intention is always to maintain these high standards now and in the future.

Councillor Martin Field, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee

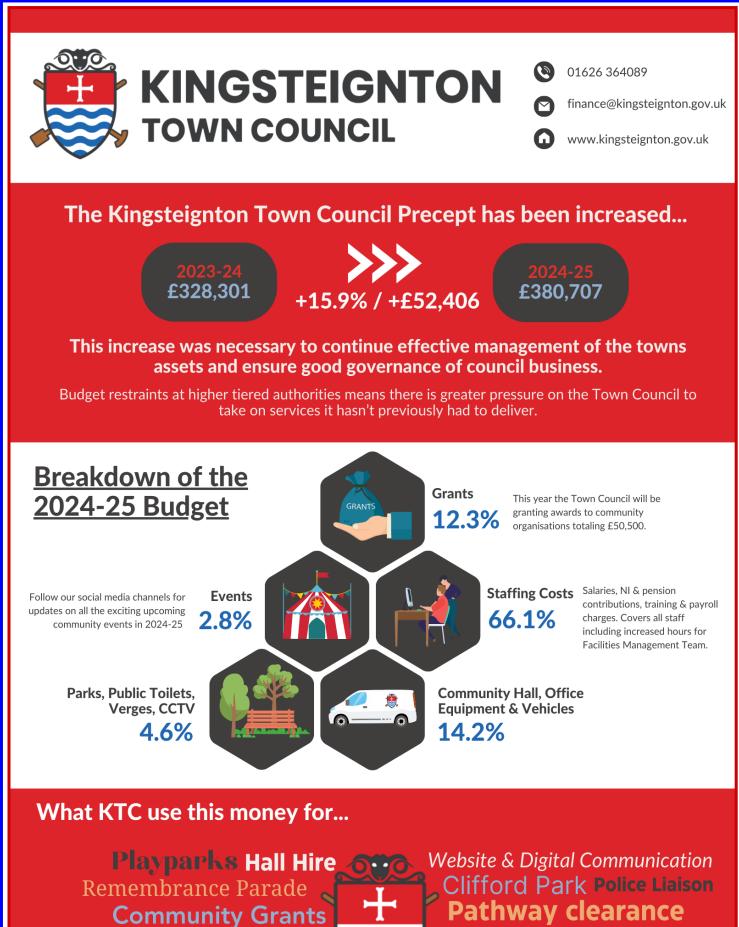
### WORKS, SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

This committee receives planning applications and notices from Teignbridge District Council for which we are consultees only.

Provision of the bus shelters and notice boards around the town also come under the responsibility of this committee. We are pleased that to meet residents requests we have had two new bus shelters installed in the last year, one in Greenhill Way and the other one outside the Kingsteignton Medical Practice on Gestridge Road.

Councillor Ron Peart, Chair of the Works, Services and Planning Committee

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Subscriptions to relevant bodies

Leat clearance Oakford Lawn

Tree planting

Benches, Bins & Noticeboards

Annual Town Meeting Signposting Qualified Clerk



### Join our Community Speed Watch Group

### Are you passionate about keeping your community safe?

Kingsteignton Community Speed Watch are recruiting new members to discourage people from speeding.

If you would like to make a difference in your town and can spare a few hours each month, Kingsteignton Community Speed Watch would love to hear from you.

To find out more about Community Speed Watch, or to apply, visit:

https://roadsafety.devon-cornwall.police.uk/community-speed-watch-csw/how-to-join-anexisting-community-speed-watch-group/

### Update on the Devon County Council Public Consultation

### Re. Broadway Road and Tweenways

Thank you to everybody who took the time to attend the Devon County Council Highways, Broadway Road Consultation held at the Community Hall on Friday 19th April 2024.

The general consensus was that there was a lot of passion in the room about the planned proposals being unacceptable.

DCC Highways officers did their very best and spent the whole 3 hours listening to residents' concerns and suggestions, which they have taken away for review.

We look forward to updating you of Devon County Council Highways future plans as soon as we can.

Councillor Ron Peart Devon County Council





### **KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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<u>Council Meetings</u>: All committee meetings are held in the Mary Hall Suite at the Community Hall and start at **7pm NB: No meetings are held in August unless planning is required.** 

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. **Please** email: <u>clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk</u> or Tel: 01626 364089

### **HEDGE CUTTING REMINDER:-**

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#### **DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

Ron Peart (Conservative)

01626 362260

Please may we remind our residents that hedges should not be cut back during the nesting season which typically runs from February until August, it is therefore preferable that you refrain from cutting back until after July 31st. However, there are certain circumstances such as for visibility/access reasons that it is deemed necessary and is therefore acceptable but please check for bird nests prior to proceeding and if they are present, please do not disturb.

We also ask that should you have hedges or trees which overhang the public highways or neighbours properties that you keep your vegetation tidy please.

#### 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-aproblem/

**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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