

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Are you concerned about speeding in your road? If so you can help to make local roads safer by volunteering to assist the Town Council in Community Speed Watch. Training is essential, and if you are interested in being involved please contact us.

The objective of the scheme is to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and anti social behaviour on the roads. Where appropriate the driver or registered keeper of offending vehicles will be sent a letter advising them of the dangers of speeding. The Town Council has purchased its own Speed Watch equipment to allow us to conduct these checks, however, we do need more volunteers. At present all speed watch sessions have been put on hold due to guidance received and will return when it is safe to do so.

ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Unfortunately, Anglia in Bloom Competitions were cancelled due to Covid-19 and we are awaiting further information on how the competition will be held for 2021.

COUNCIL BUDGETS

It's that time of year when Councils start to look at their budgets and we invite you to let us know which facilities are important to you. The Town Council always strives to obtain sponsorship and grant funding to help keep Council Tax down but we have numerous and varied responsibilities including the management of the King George V Playing Field, four Allotment sites, the Lower Wyburns Woods and the Crown Hill Public Toilets. We also provide the Christmas lights, maintain the permanent flower beds, and arrange all the summer floral displays which enable us to compete in the Anglia in Bloom competition. We look after most of the town centre's street furniture, including the heritage plaques and fund the annual rent for the Rayleigh Town Museum. Larger authorities deal with matters such as refuse clearance, education, libraries planning and highway repairs.

RAYLEIGH'S HIGH STREET MARKETS

The Wednesday Market continues to trade following guidance received from the Government and in line with Rochford District Council Environmental Health. During the second lockdown only essential stalls were permitted but we look forward to welcoming back the non-essential traders on 2nd December 2020. When visiting the market please follow any requests of the traders and only pick up items you wish to purchase.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The Rayleigh Lions had to cancel their annual Fireworks display in November. The Lions are very much in need of new members to help them to continue their good work and, if you would like to become a 'Lion', please contact rayleighlionsclub@googlemail.com

The King George V Playing Field was awarded the Green Flag award for the eighth year running and won two categories in the Essex Playing Field Best Kept Playing Field Awards 2020, playing field and play area. It was awarded Silver for the football pitches.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions the Town Council continues to employ Essex Youth Services who attend the playing field all year round, usually on Wednesday afternoons, to chat to and offer advice and information to any young people.

The football season has been disrupted by the second national lockdown and will re-start weekend commencing 5th/6th December. Anyone attending the playing field is reminded to follow the social distancing rules.

CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS REPORT

BY THE CHAIRMAN OF RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR JUNE LUMLEY

This is usually such a busy time for the Chairman of the Town Council, being invited to attend carol services and engagements in the lead up to Christmas. The main event would have been the Christmas Lights Switch on in the High Street where there would be singing and excitement to celebrate this special time of year. Unfortunately, as with most events for 2020 this was cancelled due to covid-19. However, I would like to express my thanks to all businesses, organisations and individuals that contributed towards the sponsorship of the lights, despite a difficult and challenging year.

Palmers Solicitors have continued to sponsor the Christmas Card. The card will be sent out to local organisations and dignitaries.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all staff and Councillors to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and best wishes for 2021.



ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS 2021

The Town Council hosts the Annual Town Meeting, the date and venue of this meeting is yet to be agreed due to the pandemic. At this meeting the Council Chairman and Committee Chairmen present their annual report of the work of the Council over the last year. We also present awards to members of the public for high achievement in sport and any other success, such as overcoming adversity, excellent exam results, raising funds for charity etc. This is your opportunity to nominate the person or group who you think deserves to be rewarded for their efforts over the last year. Please send your nominations to the Town Clerk by mid February 2021. The awards are in age groups under 11 years, 11 - 18 years and adults for the following categories:

- Sports Person of the Year ● Disabled Sports Person of the Year ● Best Sports Team ● High Achiever (other than sport)
- Disabled High Achiever (other than sport) ● Best Youth Project ● Best Community Volunteer ● Citizen of the Year ● Chairman's Award

If you know a deserving individual or group of people please pass their details onto the Town Clerk.

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COUNCILLOR	TEL NO.	COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR	TEL NO.	COMMITTEE
Trinity Ward			Wheatley Ward		
Roger Dowell	07772 683789	Environment/Planning & Highways/ KGV Playing Field	Jamie Burton	07540 320746	Environment /Planning & Highways/KGV Playing Field
Deborah Mercer	741019	Planning/Environment/Policy & Finance	Christine Cullis	770591	KGV Playing Field/Planning & Highways
Cheryl Roe	777939	Environment	Edmund Dray	775947	Planning & Highways /KGV Playing Field
David Sperring	774181	KGV Playing Field	Robin Dray	742842	Environment/Policy & Finance
Keith Podd		KGV Playing Field/Market	Jack Lawson	01702 527795	Environment/Planning & Highways
Grange Ward			Lodge Ward		
Chris Lumley	784147		Robert Milne Vice Chairman	(01702) 520883	All Committees
June Lumley Chairman	784147	All Committees	Julie Sawford	655603	Environment/KGV Playing Field
Carol Pavelin	780415	Policy & Finance/Planning & Highways	Terry Wallis	778138	Policy & Finance
Margaret Spencer	785471	KGV Playing Field/Environment	Ian Ward	770095	Environment/Policy & Finance
Whitehouse Ward			Sweyne Park Ward		
Richard Sherrer	776356	Policy & Finance	Ron Oakham	785295	Planning & Highways
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