



# ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - December 2023

**The Officers, Staff and Councillors at Royston Town Council wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

## Out And About With The Mayor

The Town Mayor, Cllr Lisa Adams, has again been very busy since the last Town Crier. Just some of her visits were The Nest Coffee Shop Opening Day, The Royston Allotment Open Day, Home Start's Family Fun Day, Arts Festival 2023, Royston Leisure Centre, Royston Fire Station Halloween Party, Royston WI Centenary Celebration, Royston Christmas Lights Switch-on. She also visited Grossalmerode in Germany, Royston's twin town, as a guest of their town twinning group.



## Royston Town Centre Gets A Facelift

Royston Town Council were awarded a grant from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund to enhance town centres and used it to repaint the street furniture including benches, finger posts, railings and bollards. Royston Town Mayor Lisa Adams said 'This work is a welcome improvement to the town centre and we are very pleased with the results'.



## Town Council Community Grants Scheme

At their September meeting Royston Town Council awarded two grants under their Community Grants Scheme.

The first was an award of £395 for the **Royston & Villages Branch of the National Childbirth Trust** to enable them to set up a baby feeding/changing tent during events in Priory Park. The second award was £450 to the **Royston Indian Society** to help them organise a Navratri/Garba Event to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the town.



## Royston Cave

The 2023 Cave season ended at the end of September with this year having broken all records: the highest number of annual visitors, the greatest number of private tours, the highest level of online engagement. There have also been even more international visitors, including a couple from Canada who had flown to England especially to see the Royston Cave.

The Annual "Cave by Candlelight" tours are back for Christmas - come and see the cave's carvings by flicker of candlelight, as they were seen originally.

Sat 9 – Sun 10 December. Limited availability:

**Book online at [roystoncave.co.uk/events](http://roystoncave.co.uk/events).**

## Events For Seniors

The Town Council held two events at the Town Hall for seniors. Memory Lane in September saw a large group of over-65s enjoy an afternoon tea with music and singalong from Royston Radio. In October, at Silver Sunday, they were treated to an afternoon of dancing with cheese and wine.



## Royston Town Council Welcomes New Vicar

Royston Mayor Cllr Lisa Adams and Deputy Mayor Cllr John Rees, along with Cllrs Ruth Brown and Stephen Lockett, attended the St John The Baptist Parish Church in October for a service of Collation, Installation and Induction for the new Vicar Reverend Dr Steven Sivyer. The Mayor formally welcomed him on behalf of the Town Council and people of Royston parish.



## School Talks

The Council's School Talks programme has been continuing where Town, District and County Councillors engage with pupils to explain about how local government works and answer any questions. Schools visited this year have been King James Academy, Icknield Walk First School, Roman Way Academy, Tannery Drift First School, Studlands Rise First School and St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

## Royston Town Council

### Watch Live In Your Own Home!

You can now watch meetings of the full Town Council live or at any time afterwards - on You Tube.

All the recorded meetings can be found at [www.youtube.com/@RoystonTownCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/@RoystonTownCouncil)

The next Full Council meeting will be on Monday 15 January at 7.30pm

## Market Hill Rooms

The Council's Market Hill Rooms had a new boiler fitted in April, and then a full kitchen refurbishment in August. The new kitchen now has an oven and has been stocked with cookware, crockery and glassware for hirers to use.



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All Town Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity and are elected for a term of 4 years. Councillors do not receive any payment nor are they in receipt of any allowances for attending meetings.

## Meet Your Councillors

Your next Councillors Surgery is on **SATURDAY 13 JANUARY** at Royston Market 10am-11.30am.

Meet Councillors from Herts County Council, North Herts Council and Royston Town Council, along with local Police Officers. Have a friendly chat, ask questions, and let them know how you feel about your town.

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