



ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - March 2024

Out And About With The Mayor

The Mayor - Cllr Lisa Adams - has again been very busy meeting local groups and businesses. Among those she's visited are US 91st Bomb Group, Remembrance Service at Basingbourn Barracks, Royston Radio First Anniversary event, openings of Mango Restaurant and Butcher Boyz, book signing at Bow Books, Royston Indian Society's Navratri/Garba Event, Royston Market Christmas Event.



May Fayre 2024

We are pleased to announce that this year's May Fayre will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May.

Attractions include an amateur dog show, historic vehicles, rideable miniature train, fairground rides, the Town Band, Punch and Judy, Professor Crump, face painting and a circus skills drop-in workshop with Topper. There will be a great range of food offerings such as loaded Mac & Cheese, BBQ skewers, hog roast, burgers, churros, ice cream, and of course a bar. The deposit and return system to replace single-use plastic will be back having proved very successful last year. The day is always a fun way to spend your Bank Holiday and a great way to help local charities and community groups too. If you would like to have a charity stall, please contact enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk. More fun events for you to take part in will be announced soon - keep an eye on Social Media!!



News From Royston Cave

Autumn is usually a quiet time for Royston Cave, but not this year! As part of the Royston Arts Festival we held a children's story time in the cave which was enjoyed by all ages. Then in December the ever popular Cave by Candlelight tours were a sold out success.

The number of private tours has been increasing steadily and we have been attracting visitors from around the world, including the USA, Canada and Australia.

It has been a joy to welcome them as they make detours from their travels just to visit Royston and our unique cave.

We also, sadly, said goodbye to Nicky Paton, who during his time as Cave Manager transformed the visitor experience. As the new manager I will strive to continue this development and will promote and protect our amazing historic attraction.



Emma Shaw, Cave Manager

www.roystoncave.co.uk

Mayor's Charity Christmas Fayre

The Mayor held a Charity Christmas Fayre at the Town Hall a week before Christmas. There were 16 stalls including Womens Institute, Royston Girl Guides and Royston Radio. Almost £900 was raised for the Mayor's Community Trust Fund and her chosen charity Pathways to Learning.



Town Council Community Grants Scheme

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

The first was an award of £500 for the **Royston Girl Guides** to enable them to renovate and repair their guide hut.

The second award was £340 to **Royston & District Community Transport** to purchase a 'crash tested' wheelchair for use by passengers who don't already own one.

Royston Town Council Biodiversity Update

Royston Town Council maintains the town's Plantations. This winter 36 whips of new hedging have been planted in Stile Plantation. Mainly hawthorn but some other native species as well. These protect the edges of the plantation and encourage wildlife.

It has been very cold recently and hedgehogs are now hibernating. You can help them in several ways. They may wake up to feed so you can put out meaty dog or cat food or easily available hedgehog food and also some water. Leave a messy patch or pile of leaves in a quiet corner of the garden to provide material to keep them warm. You could also talk to your neighbours about cutting a hole in your fence 13 x 13cm to allow hedgehogs to travel between gardens to find food. By linking gardens in this way you can begin to build a hedgehog highway!

Royston Town Council Annual Meeting Thursday 14 March 7.30pm : Town Hall

Please join us for an informative evening with local councillors who will give their reports and answer any questions you might wish to ask.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Lisa Adams, will also be presenting the Annual Community Trust Fund Awards to local groups and charities, and Community Service Awards to those local residents who have made a significant contribution to the life of our town.

Town Council Is 50 Years Old This Year!

Royston Town Council is 50 years old this year - plans are evolving on how we are marking this special anniversary - watch this space!

TOWN COUNCILLORS

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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
SATURDAY 9 MARCH

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.

Warm Hub

Earlier this year, the town Council arranged a "Warm Hub" at the Town Hall so that the elderly of the town could have somewhere warm to sit and chat to others while enjoying a cup of tea along with cake and biscuits provided by Tesco. All this was free of charge and the Council will look at the possibility of holding more warm hubs next winter.



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