

News from your Town Council - December 2021



# Merry Christmas!

Royston's Mayor Cllr Mark Hugbes and Royston Town Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Royston residents a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 2022.

## Don't be caught short when you need to spend a penny!

We are pleased to announce that Royston Town Council's Community Toilet Scheme restarted again on 1 October 2021. It had stopped in March 2020 due to the pandemic. Current participants are The Jolly Postie and Banyers House. The

Town Council pays these outlets to cover their costs so you don't need to worry about having to buy anything in order to be allowed to use their facilities.

In addition, the North Herts Council operated public toilets at Fish Hill remain open.

Royston Town Council would like to thank the managers and outlets involved who have enabled a plentiful supply of clean publicly accessible toilets across Royston.



### **Mayor's Trust Fund**

Applications for grants from the Mayor's Trust fund can be submitted by community organisations within Royston, who offer a significant benefit for the people of the town. This may be towards the setting up of a new project, capital scheme or help towards a special event or activity.

Applications will open in January 2022 and will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on 28 March 2022. Forms can be obtained from the Town Hall office or downloaded from our website, www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk.

We look forward to helping our worthy local groups and organisations again in 2022.



#### Students - the Leete Trust may be able to help you!

Are you a student in further education, at University, College or Sixth Form who needs support with the costs associated with your studies? The Leete Trust may be able to help you.

The Leete Trust has been providing grants to students who are from or study in Royston since 1978. Students in Further or Higher Education (16 years and over) can apply to the fund for help with costs. Grants are normally a few hundred pounds and help with materials, books and travel amongst other things. Students are eligible to apply even if they have received a grant in a previous year.

The number of applications received has been low for the past few years. Councillors would love to reach more students; if you are unsure if the trust can help you please don't hesitate to make an application.

The application form can be found on the Town Council website at <u>www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk</u>. If you have any questions about the trust please get in touch with the council via the town clerk: town.clerk@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk.

## **ROYSTON TOWN CRIER**





Photo courtesy of Herts County Council

#### Herts Lynx Bus Service

This new On-demand Bus Service was launched on 19 September and was the initiative of Hertfordshire County Council. It is designed to improve connections between rural areas and town centres and serves villages in North and East Herts and fixed destinations in seven Key Hub Towns.

The Key Hub Towns are Baldock, Bishops Stortford, Buntingford, Hitchin, Letchworth, Royston and Stevenage. It operates from 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The designated points in Royston are at the bus station and the railway station. The service can be booked online and for more details please visit the website. https://www.intalink.org.uk/hertslynx.

#### **Royston First Christmas Town Trail**



Royston First's seasonal town events are continuing with the Christmas Trail. This will be held over two weeks finishing



on 11 December with a special event on that day. Children can have fun exploring the town and finding the elves hidden in shop windows. It is fully funded by the Royston First BID and further information can be found on their website.

http://roystonfirst.com/royston-townevents/

#### ROYSTON TOWN COUNCILLORS

A list of all Councillors' names and contact numbers is given below, together with details of the wards they represent. All Town Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity and are elected for a 4 year term of office. Councillors are not paid and do not receive any allowance for attending meetings.

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### **Royston Christmas Market**

Make sure you visit Royston Market on 18 December for all your last minute stocking fillers and Christmas gifts that will be available from an eclectic mix of Christmas themed stalls.

As a thank you to all our loyal shoppers there will be free homemade mince pies, cupcakes, gingerbread men and mulled wine to enjoy, along with a free prize draw for a number of fabulous hampers which are to be donated by traders.

Carol singers will complete what should be an atmospheric and festive market on the last weekend before the big day.



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