

ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - September 2018



Annual Report for the Financial Year 2017-2018

Royston Town Council published its Annual Report in June 2018, copies of which are available from the Town Hall Offices or it can be viewed online at www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk.

There are three tiers of local government in Royston: Town, District and County. Details of what each council is responsible for can be found on the Town Council's website.

The Town Council is responsible for the Town Hall, Market Hill Rooms, Royston War Memorial, Royston Cave, Green Walk and Stile Plantations, Green Street allotments, Royston Museum, the market and the Market Place and Angel Pavement car parks. The Council also organises events for all sections of the community; highlights this year included the May Fayre and Silver Sunday.

Royston Town Council Finances 2017-2019

EXPENDITURE	Budget	Out-turn	Budget
	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19
Administration/Democracy	111,653	109,171	116,523
Royston Museum & Art Gallery	86,199	87,418	88,254
Town Council Properties	90,916	88,654	95,250
Green Walk & Stile Plantation	12,436	15,752	12,317
Other Expenses (Civic Functions, May Fayre, Twinning, Christmas Lights, Town Crier, Donations)	12,672	11,084	13,610
Royston Cave	5,992	6,015	5,781
Green St Allotments	3,915	3,704	3,797
Melbourn St War Memorial	3,513	4,007	3,467
Town Manager	10,000	10,000	10,000
Public Conveniences	16,857	17,039	4,000
Market Place - Markets and Parking	66,655	54,911	59,948
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	420,808	407,755	412,947
INCOME			
Interest	400	550	300
Royston Museum & Art Gallery	850	903	1,000
Town Council Properties	68,820	73,056	65,170
Green St Allotments	4,900	5,410	5,150
Cross Public Conveniences	0	0	0
Market Place - Markets/Parking	55,825	57,262	55,000
Precept	280,760	280,760	283,609
TOTAL INCOME	411,555	417,941	410,229

The Full Council and principal committee meetings are open to all members of the public and press.

At the beginning of each meeting time is set aside to allow members of the public to make representation to the various committees about items on the agenda. Copies of the agendas are posted on the Town Hall notice board and web site. A calendar detailing the meetings for the coming year is also available on the web site.

An achievement this year was the Royston and District Museum gaining full accreditation from the Arts Council, which signifies that it meets the standards of running a museum, management, collection care and public services. Thanks go to the dedicated staff and volunteers for this.

There has been no increase in the Royston Town Council part of the Council Tax for the year 2018-19 and the Band 'D' charge remains the same at £42.53 per household.

Councillor Vera Swallow honoured by invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace



In recognition of her public service as a local councillor and as Mayor last year, our very own Cllr Vera Swallow was selected to attend the May Garden Party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. These are held as a way for the Queen to speak to people from all walks of life and who have made a positive impact in their community.

The party began at 4 pm when members of the Royal Family gathered on the West Terrace for the National Anthem. The Band of the Household Cavalry and the Band of Royal Logistics Corps entertained the guests.



Cllr Vera Swallow and her husband Colin Swallow.

Naturally Royston's Front Garden Competition Results 2018

Royston's residents, along with the Naturally Royston Committee, were invited to nominate a neighbour, friend or relative for this year's front garden competition.

The winning garden entrant was **Martin Dawson** who received the 1st prize of £100. His garden is a colourful and eye-catching display of diverse planting and it was evident that Mr Dawson had worked very hard on its maintenance.

The second place prize of £50 went to **Sue Keenan**, whose compact but colourful garden makes quite an impact on the street and makes good use of limited space.

Third place and prize of £25 went to **Josephine Cook**, who has a well maintained and very colourful container garden, which brightens up the whole area.

The gardens were judged on 10 July after a very challenging time for gardeners because of the hot and dry weather; however, the top three gardens had all been cared for exceptionally well, despite the difficulties. Typically, on the day of some of the photographs, there was heavy rain and Mrs Cook said that at least she didn't have to water all the pots that night! The certificates and cheques were presented by the **Mayor, Cllr Iain Leggett**.

Very sadly, and unbeknown to the judges at the time, all three of our winners had quite recently lost their spouses and each garden had been created with their loved ones in mind. This year's competition has certainly been a very special one. The Naturally Royston team would like to thank everyone who entered or nominated a garden.



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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A Cemetery for Royston

In 2012, when it was known that the existing cemeteries in Royston were getting full and burials would only be available at Wilbury Hills Cemetery in Letchworth, Royston Town Council held a public consultation, which resulted in a mandate to find a suitable site for a new Royston Cemetery.

Over the years the Town Council has investigated more than 20 sites around Royston. These included many generous offers from prominent local landowners, but unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, no sites were suitable.

Our active search for a site has now come to an end. We will of course consider any opportunities that come up in the future.

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