



# ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

## News from your Town Council - September

### Out and About with the Mayor

During his first three months as Royston's Town Mayor, Cllr John Rees, has had quite a busy time of it. Amongst his engagements has been a Summer Event at MRTC Bassingbourn Barracks, Memorial Service for the US 398<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group at Nuthampstead, visits to events at Margaret House and Melbourn Springs care homes, Royston Market, Royston Town Council's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, Royston Museum's Summer Fayre, Bow Books 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday and an Indian Food Festival.

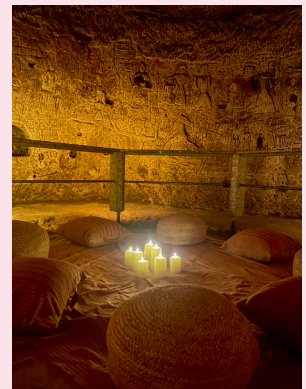


### News From Royston Cave

The summer season has been a busy one for us at Royston Cave. As well as the weekend public tours we have held special May half-term children's tours, a story time at Royston library and have had visits from schools and scouting groups. It has been wonderful to see so many children becoming engaged and interested in the history of our town and the cave.

This years Summer Solstice sessions were as popular as ever, and visitors drew different experiences of being in the cave at this special time of year. By the time you read this article, we would have also held our third community day. We hope residents took this opportunity to visit the cave for free and see for themselves why we attract visitors from far and wide to our town.

At the end of September, we are also taking part in the Royston Arts Festival and are inviting visitors to draw and sketch the carvings within the cave. It will be interesting to see how they interpret this year's theme of Arts in Motion!



### Royston Town Council Green Award

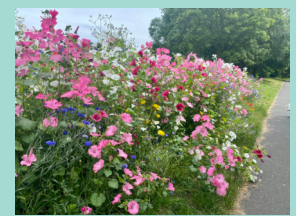
Royston Town Council is delighted to launch this award to recognise the contributions of an individual or group whose actions have gone above and beyond to positively impact the local environment by helping to reduce CO2 emissions, reduce/recycle more waste, or to increase biodiversity.

This could be through conservation projects, green initiatives, fundraising, or awareness raising. The award will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Nomination forms and more details will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at [www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk) and from the reception in the Town Hall. The closing date for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

### Blooming Royston!

Thanks to North Herts Council, beds of colourful wild flowers have been appearing all around the town. The ones below are at the BMX track at Burns Road



### At Your Convenience...

Don't forget - there are public toilets at the top end of Fish Hill but you are also free to use the toilet facilities inside the **Jolly Postie** or **Banyers** during their normal opening hours. They are part of the Town's Community Toilet scheme and you don't need to purchase anything when you visit.

Royston Town Council thanks the **Jolly Postie** and **Banyers** for their ongoing support of this scheme.

## Who Does What?

In Royston we have a three-tier Council system - Royston Town Council, District Council (NHC) and County Council (HCC). As to who has responsibility for what, this can often be confusing. To make it easier to establish which Council you should approach, here is a basic list -

### ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL (01763 245484)

Royston Cave, May Fayre, Royston Market, Allotments, Hall & Room Hire, Community Toilet Scheme, Grants, Royston War Memorial, Climate Change & Biodiversity, Royston Events Reusable Cups Scheme

### NORTH HERTS COUNCIL (01462 474000)

Benefits, Bins & Recycling, Council Tax, Elections & Voting, Environment & Street Cleaning, Grants & Community Projects, Health & Wellbeing, Housing, Licensing, Parking, Planning, Parks & Green Spaces

### HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL (0300 123 4040)

Adult Social Services, Blue Badges, Business & Trading Standards, Bus Passes, Child Social Care, Cost Of Living Support, Highways (incl Lights and Paths), Libraries, Public Transport, Register of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Road Safety, School Admissions.

For further information, go to the Town Council's website -

[www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk/Council\\_Services\\_32969.aspx](http://www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk/Council_Services_32969.aspx)

## Royston Town Council 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year Royston Town Council is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to mark the occasion an exhibition was held in the Town Hall on Saturday 8 June. Members of the public attended the exhibition during the morning and the afternoon was devoted to a reception for past Town Councillors and Mayors.



## Cyber Crime

Herts Police are holding an event at 7pm on Saturday 9 October at the Town Hall to talk about cyber crime and online fraud, and how to avoid these costly scams. Entry is free and you are all invited!

### Royston Town Council

Royston Town Hall  
Melbourn Street, Royston SG8 7DA  
01763 245484  
Offices open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm  
[enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Town Clerk : Miss Caroline Mills**  
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## TOWN COUNCILLORS

**Mayor : Cllr John Rees**

**Deputy Mayor : Cllr Luke Haugh**

### Palace Ward

Cllr Lisa Adams – 07561 045044 – [cllr.lisa.adams@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.lisa.adams@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Cllr Rob Inwood – 01763 224997 – [cllr.robert.inwood@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.robert.inwood@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Cllr Bindi Jani – 07737 639441 – [cllr.bindi.jani@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.bindi.jani@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
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### Meridian Ward

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Cllr Luke Haugh – 07561 003814 – [cllr.luke.haugh@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.luke.haugh@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Cllr Stephen Lockett – 01763 246922 – [cllr.stephen.lockett@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.stephen.lockett@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Royston South Ward

Cllr Mary Antony – 01763 221316 – [cllr.mary.antony@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mary.antony@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Cllr Elizabeth Freeman – 01763 230060 – [cllr.elizabeth.freeman@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.elizabeth.freeman@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Royston West Ward

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Cllr Ruth Brown – 01763 230290 – [cllr.ruth.brown@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.ruth.brown@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Cllr Emma Squire-Smith – 01763 661701 – [cllr.emma.squire-smith@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.emma.squire-smith@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)

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.

## A Note From the Council's Climate & Diversity Working Party.

Is your house suitable for solar panels? To find out visit <https://solarwizard.org.uk/>.

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