



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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During this lockdown Roydon Parish Council and Roydon Church would like you to know who you can ring as **a listening ear** if you're lonely, unhappy, worried, would just like to talk to someone, or need something important. All numbers start 01379 and messages left on answerphones will be responded to quickly.

from Roydon Church:		from Roydon Parish Council	
Sarah Briscoe:	643599	David Bartrum:	642921
Andrew Daniels:	643575	Elizabeth Taylor:	652283
Mark Emsden:	640499	Paul Curson	644470

South Norfolk District Council Help Hub offer practical support, advice and guidance. To contact them fill in the online request form on SNDC's Help Hub website, phone 01508 533933, or text ADVICE followed by your message to 07860 017323.

A message from Tammy Batchelor about the **FareShare Food Donations from Tesco.**

The food donations are available to anyone in need, no vouchers needed, no questions asked. They will be outside the Village Hall 8.30 - 11am each Wednesday (although *very* occasionally we don't get a donation) if it's dry or inside the foyer from 8.30 - 9am if it's wet (we then have to lock up when Pre-school starts). If anyone in need who is vulnerable in Roydon can't get to the Hall they can email me on the address below with the sort of thing they would like and I can drop it on their doorstep for them.

Many thanks, Tammy
roydonvillagehall1@gmail.com
07432 548068

Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan

Update:

The REPORT from the first DDNP Issues and Options Consultation held in July and August this summer is now available.

Please go to: www.ddnp.info/roydon to read the full report.

There is also a two page summary which, if you are not online, you are welcome to request from Wendy Benson, Roydon's PC Clerk, on 01379 388190.

Our follow-up Consultation goes live on 16 November!

Q: What, another one?!

A: Yes! Thanks to your earlier responses, a vitally important, but much shorter, additional consultation is being held to follow-up on your extra suggestions.

Q: What's this one about?

A: We want to know your opinions on:

- . further sites for the location/s of future housing growth in Roydon village (all taken from the 'alternative site suggestion' box of the first survey where willing landowners have agreed to put their land forward).
- . additional proposed Local Green Space and Heritage Assets, again following up suggestions from residents.

Q: How can I take part?

A: Please go to **www.ddnp.info** and follow the links to complete the short online consultation.

If you need a paper copy please phone Wendy Benson, our Parish Clerk on 01379 388190 **

** If you received a paper copy for the 1st survey, we will deliver one to you this time round too – no need to make a further request.

Q: How long does the Consultation last?

It starts on 16 November and runs for three weeks.

We urge you all to please take part. We want your guidance to help us allocate one or more sites for the future housing growth in Roydon village. We have no choice but to accept the housing allocation of @25 homes from South Norfolk Council but we want to influence *where they get built* by making allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome your help in this task.

More news from Roydon Parish Council:

Roydon Parish Council now has it's own facebook page! Please visit:

www.facebook.com/Roydondissparishcouncil to keep up to date with parish council news. If you're a fb user, please follow us and 'like' the page. However, everyone, including non-facebook users, can access the page and read our news so do please take a look every so often.

Streetlight Upgrade Project

Roydon Parish Council are proposing to upgrade our 66 streetlights to LED. Our maintenance contractor has informed us that our current bulbs are out of production, whilst those with concrete columns are at the end of their lifespan and will deteriorate. LED lights are more energy efficient with an expected reduction in excess of 65% on our current energy costs as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

We are hopeful that this project will start next spring, sometime from April onwards. More detailed plans will be available as the project progresses. This will be discussed at the council meetings to ensure regular updates are available to all.

2020 is the centenary of Roydon War

Memorial The unveiling and dedication of Roydon's war memorial occurred at the harvest festival, Oct. 1920. It cost £35 and was made of Portland Stone by Cooley & Son, stonemasons, Diss, the money being raised by subs from Roydon people.

Erected in the north west corner of the early 20th century extension to the churchyard, it has 19 names, the fallen of Roydon in WW1, out of 110 who joined up out of a population of approx 300. In the church is a roll of honour of the 110. They were all in the army except one in the navy who sadly has no known grave. The soldiers are buried in Europe and the Middle East. Unusually there are none buried in their village churchyard. (This information is from a folder compiled by Jenny and Alan Wade normally accessible in the church. If you are interested in viewing it please phone Andrew Daniels 643575).

Allotment News

Roydon's Snow Street allotments are set in a lovely, quiet location. We have one half-size plot available @ £15 pa and one full-size plot at £30 pa. Both require £50 deposit, returned on vacating the plot in a fit and tidy state. If you like fresh air and exercise, enjoy home-grown fruit and veg and might be interested in one of these plots, please contact Angela Brown on 01379 650537.

A new Footpath Group for Roydon?

RPC want to form a combined parish council and residents' Footpath Group to address footpath concerns raised in the recent DDNP Consultation. The aim is to achieve as accessible and accurately recorded a footpath network as possible which may involve some hands-on work but will require discussions with landowners and council departments at District and County level.

If you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact Jane Jennifer on 01379 652259 or jane.jennifer@yahoo.co.uk.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, or if you would like further issues by email, please contact:

Wendy Benson, Roydon's Parish Clerk, at roydondiss@gmail.com or 01379 388190.

RPC website: <https://roydon-disspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

RPC facebook page:

www.facebook.com/Roydondissparishcouncil