



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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A Community Cafe in Roydon?

Are you interested in helping to plan and run a **Roydon Community Cafe?**

The parish council would like people to help with the setting up and then running (when it is safe) of a regular community cafe for the residents of Roydon (and others). It will be held in the school, and probably once a month eventually.

If you would like to be involved in planning and running it please contact **Trevor Ault – 07535 314852/ trevoraault@hotmail.co.uk**

Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan Update

The REPORT from the second DDNP Issues and Options Consultation held in November last year is available.

We asked residents to rank, in order of preference, a number of possible development sites put forward by landowners. The land south of Roydon Primary School was the most

preferred option. It will appear in the Draft Plan as the site that Roydon allocates for the housing requirement that we're obliged to fulfil as part of the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

54% of respondents wanted the allocation on one site, rather than being split up over more than one plot so we will allocate that one site, south of the school.

We also consulted on an additional Local Green Space (LGS), proposed by residents in the first consultation. This is land to the north of Roydon Fen track and 80% of respondents were in favour of an LGS designation. We will add this area to our list of LGS across the parish.

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

Roydon's Footpath Group Update

Following the request for volunteers in November's *Roydon Round Up*, a parish Footpath Group was set up. In March we also posted a note on Roydon's and Diss's community facebook pages asking people who might want to get involved to get in touch and you have, thank you! We have walked Roydon's public footpaths, compiled a 'Schedule of Defects' in

consultation with and for the County Council's Countryside Access Officer and we hope to see an improvement in the footpath signage, along with repairs to bridges and stiles, in the not too distant future. Those few footpaths in Roydon which are currently impassable are being investigated with a view to opening these up in due course.

If you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact **Jane Jennifer** on 07410 411218 or jane.jennifer@yahoo.co.uk.

Roydon Streetlight Upgrade

Roydon Parish Council (RPC) own 66 of the parish's streetlights, each with its own Roydon number on a white label. A list of these lights and where they are is on our parish council website.

All of Roydon's streetlights will be upgraded to LED this summer due to replacement parts no longer being available. The cost of this project is approximately £26,000 and the council is sourcing a 5 year loan to finance this. The cost of this loan will be covered by the savings on maintenance and electricity with no raise needed in the precept. The new lights will be more reliable, environmentally friendly and long lasting.

Residents will first see the old concrete columns replaced with new metal columns and LED fixtures. Following this, the remaining lights will be replaced, working around the parish street by street.

Disruption will be kept to the minimum and we apologise in advance for any issues around this.

Bollard Cleaning on the High Road!

We want to give the bollards at the three crossing points on the High Road (A1066) a good scrub down and spruce up in order to draw drivers' attention to them and maybe help slow some of the traffic as it comes through the village. That's 12 bollards in need of attention – **would you be willing to help us?** If we have enough helping hands, it shouldn't take us long.

If you're willing to join in, please get in touch with **Jane Jennifer** on 07410 411218 or jane.jennifer@yahoo.co.uk THANK YOU!

Any questions regarding this newsletter, or if you would like future issues sent to you by email, please contact: **Wendy Benson**, Roydon's Parish Clerk, at roydondiss@gmail.com or 01379 388190.

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<https://roydondisspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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