



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Following Roydon Parish Council's successful Big South Norfolk litter pick in October, the parish council has bought its own equipment so we can now host our own community litter picks.

Please come and join us on

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Roydon Village Hall between 10 – 12 noon

to pick up rubbish sacks, hand-held 'grabbers' for safe picking up of litter and one of our sparkling new hi-vis vests.

Please return everything to the Village Hall **by 12 noon** at the latest.

Alongside the litter pick, we'll be running a basic but friendly **pop-up café** in or outside the Village Hall offering coffee, teas, juice and nibbles from 10 am – 12.30 pm.

The pop-up café will be open to all.

Free refreshments to litter pickers.

We'd welcome donations from non-pickers which will go towards the next litter-pick café refreshments.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you.

As ever, many thanks to all of you who regularly do your own litter picks in the parish throughout the year. It makes a huge difference and we all appreciate it!



If you see a problem like fly-tipping, missing or damaged drain covers or dangerous potholes you can report it to the charity [Fix My Street](https://www.fixmystreet.com/). Visit their website, mark where the problem is on a map, add a short description and send it

off. It's really helpful if you can take a photo of the problem and upload it with your description, but not essential.

You don't need to know who's responsible for fixing the problem – the website automatically sends it to the right place.



The passage of the DDNP has been a little delayed both by a request from South Norfolk District Council for additional work and by Covid delaying that work from taking place.

Despite this, the Plan continues to make progress and we will soon be holding a small consultation on 3 additional policies which have been developed as a result of feedback from the Regulation 14 Consultation last summer. Within this consultation there will also be a different development site allocation for Scole.

We will let you know when this consultation starts and how you can take part.



We're pleased to report that the new permeable aggregate footpath running through the north of Roydon Fen has been extended at either end, at the request of Norfolk Trails. Nigel Fernie (One Man and His Digger) and Chris Blake were again contracted to do the works and there is now a very level, dry walk through what used to be a very muddy section of the Angles Way.

In addition, Nigel volunteered his time, skills and tools to help the Footpath Group clear the path running alongside Diss Football Club, with volunteers from the Group following on behind, clearing away the cuttings. Over time, we will also see the fence that leans over the path by the Football Club car park straightened and the footpath surface at the Factory Road end leveled and widened.

Many thanks to Nigel and to all volunteers who gave their time to make light work of the clear-up job, including Steve and Tony from the Football Club ;)

Flood/Emergency Information

In the event of flooding residents can now report it by calling 0344 800 8013. This new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly. Regardless of the type of flood or whether or not you know the source of floodwaters, you can use this number to report the issue.

The number has been set up by the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance, a partnership of agencies across Norfolk working to provide a coordinated response to flooding in the county. The number is staffed by Norfolk County Council officers and funded by the County Council.

Alternatively, residents can report flooding online at: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/floods>

Roydon Parish Council is looking to put together a Flooding & Emergency Plan and would like to hear from any residents who might be interested in working with us on this project. There'll be different jobs needing doing which will suit different people, ranging from inspecting ditches in the parish and reporting blockages, to mapping ditches digitally. If you'd like to help out please contact: Wendy Benson, Roydon Parish Clerk on 01379 388190 or roydondiss@gmail.com

BREWERS GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It is good to see so many residents enjoying all that Brewers Green has to offer. There have been some fabulously clear, crisp days recently with the Green and all its trees covered in frost.

As a reminder for everyone: as a registered Common, there is open access for walking on Brewers Green but it is illegal

to ride horses, drive or park cars on or over the Green without legal written authority from the owner. Some residences have legal access across parts of the Green and need to have clear access at all times.

If anyone has any comments or problems relating to the Green, please contact Keith Best (01379 651357) or John and Elizabeth Taylor (01379 652283), who are all members of the BGMC.

A correction to Issue 4, June 2021 of The Roydon Round-Up:

We reported that a large sycamore tree branch had been cut near the post box on the Green and that the Green's owner would prosecute anyone causing further damage to trees on the Green. We have since learned that this tree was not growing on Brewers Green but within a private residence. The owner would like it known that he has no wish to prosecute whoever damaged the tree.



Good news! The streetlight project is almost complete. Most of our lights have been upgraded to LED.

Unfortunately, we still have 3 lights along Louie's Lane on which UK Power Networks need to undertake necessary electrical work in order to be able to switch these lights on. We apologise for the inconvenience this is causing. Please be assured we are doing everything we can to get this work completed as soon as possible.

RPC website: for PC info, full minutes and agenda of PC meetings <https://roydondisspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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