



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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* FREE * COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR SEMINAR

Wednesday 16 November 7 – 9 pm
Main Room, Roydon Village Hall

Do you know how or when to use the portable defibrillator attached to the outside wall of Roydon's Village Hall?

On Wednesday 16 November, at 7 pm, the Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people who know how to use Roydon's portable defibrillator, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

Everybody is welcome and no special skills are required.

The parish council is funding this course and it is free to attend. There are 50 places, available on a first-come-first-served basis. If over-subscribed, a waiting list will be kept for cancelled bookings or for any future training courses.

If you would like to attend please contact Wendy Benson, the Parish Clerk, preferably by email on roydondiss@gmail.com or 07707 495297

~ FLOOD LEAFLETS ~

Accompanying this issue of The Roydon Round Up, you'll see a leaflet with some useful advice about preparing for and reporting floods. Not all of the advice and information will be relevant to you but we hope you'll find something of interest. Please keep where you can refer to it if ever needed. Our hope is that you won't need it, but it's best to *be prepared*, just in case!



Please come and join us for our autumn community litter pick on

Saturday 29 October 2022
9.30 am – 11.30 am

Come and collect grabbers, hi-viz vests and rubbish bags between 9.30 – 10 am from *Roydon Village Hall*.

We'll be running our pop-up café

with refreshments, open to all, free to pickers, donations welcome from non-pickers.

Our next community litter pick and pop up café will be held on Sat 4 February '23 from 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Thank you to all those residents who litter-pick throughout the year, it makes a real difference – thank you!



South Norfolk District Council (SNDC) cabinet will meet this month to decide whether to approve the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP) and enable it to progress to the next stage. If it is approved, SNDC will carry out what is called a Regulation 16 Consultation. This will be run by SNDC, not by the parish council or the DDNP. It will be the final opportunity to read the plan, and make comments, before it is formally assessed by an external Examiner after which it will progress to Referendum.

During the SNDC Regulation 16 Consultation, Roydon will have a copy of the consultation documents available for viewing in Roydon Church. This is particularly for those without internet access and the documents must remain in the church so that they are available for whoever wants to view them. Thank you for your understanding.

~ GRASS CUTTING IN ROYDON ~

Brewers Green is privately owned and managed by the owner and a management team, with representatives from the parish council. There is an amenity area, where the grass is regularly cut short, suitable for walking on, picnics, games etc. The rest is either woodland or grassland-meadowland which is allowed to grow until cut, once a year in September. The advice from Norfolk Wildlife Trust is that this is the best way of gradually developing a very bio-diverse Green. Most important is that the cut grass is removed after mowing otherwise it will make the soil more fertile than is best for wildflowers. Small areas are left unmown each year as habitat for overwintering creatures.

Millway Green (the large verge at the north west end of Shelfanger Road) is owned and looked after by the District Council, and is being treated similarly as a meadow and is already rich in wild flora.

Many local authorities, including Norfolk County Council, are cutting their verges less often, for the same environmental reasons. So our wide verges on the north side of the High Road have been notably floriferous several times this year.

Roydon Loke (the old road going west from Rowden Way) and the north side of Swamp Lane are managed (by the Parish Council) in a similarly minimalist way, to preserve their varieties of habitat while at the same time keeping the ways clear for walkers, cyclists etc.



Norfolk Wildlife Trust are continuing their Claylands Wilder Connections Project with their Citizen Science Campaigns. Starlings, jays, and greenfinches are this season's set of species to be selected because of their association with autumn and the species' need for large areas of connected habitat here in South Norfolk.

You can let them know what you saw, where and when:

- 1) on NWT's online Spotter Survey
www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderconnections
- 2) by emailing wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk
- 3) by calling Sue Grime, Wilder Connections Engagement Officer on 07393 807897.

MANY THANKS TO THE UNKNOWN ARTIST!

At the bottom of Roydon Loke (the old Denmark Lane) is a large concrete block that was recently painted with pictures of local wild animals by children from Roydon School – much appreciated by the many walkers and cyclists etc who use that lovely traffic-free lane.

More recently graffiti was put over these paintings with some of the animal portraits crossed out. But even more recently, some kind soul has restored the paintings to their original splendour. Whoever this person is – **MANY THANKS!** – from the parish council, the Loke Volunteer Group, and especially from Roydon School and the teacher whose children did the original work.

ROYDON VILLAGE HALL – TRUSTEES' AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of Roydon Village Hall is scheduled to be held on:

Wednesday 19th October at 7pm

at the village hall. It is expected that a representative from each organisation using the village hall will attend. All residents are invited and anyone wishing to serve on the Committee would be very welcome. Please contact Tammy at roydonvillagehall1@gmail.com if you would like further information.

AND FROM ROYDON'S CHURCHWARDENS,

SARAH BRISCOE AND ANDREW DANIELS:

Remembrance Sunday will be marked with a short service of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November at 10.30 a.m. in Roydon Church, followed at 10.55 a.m. by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

Thanks and appreciation from Roydon Church for those who answered the request for volunteers to help clear the cut, long grass off the 'meadow' areas of the churchyard. Many hands and a wheelbarrow made light work of it. Thanks again, Andrew.

RPC website: for PC info, full minutes and agenda of PC meetings <https://roydondisspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>
Roydon Parish Council facebook page:
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Thank you to all our volunteer deliverers of the RRU, your help is very much appreciated!