



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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IT'S ELECTION TIME!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A ROYDON PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Elections for local councils – both parish and district - will take place on Thursday 4 May. Would you, or someone you know, like to become a Parish Councillor?

Roydon Parish Council has nine Councillors and elections take place every 4 years. Being a Councillor can be very rewarding, everyone has a skill that can be used to enhance the local community and the more pro-active and committed you are the greater the rewards. No matter your background or employment status everyone has valuable views that count and would add to the community's voice. Nobody cares more about your community than you and the Parish Council!

The council's website, roydon-disspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/ will be regularly updated with relevant information on who is eligible to stand and where to access the relevant forms. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk at roydondiss@gmail.com for more information and further details about what to do next.

QUAKER WOOD AGM

Thursday 23 March 2023

Methodist Church Hall, Diss at 7.30 pm
followed by a talk

Ten thousand years of people and wildlife in South Norfolk
by Helen Baczowska of Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Entry free: Collection taken: light refreshments
bookings please to quakerwooddiss@gmail.com



Our spring spruce up of Roydon is happening on

Saturday 4 February 2023

9.30 am – 11.30 am

Grabbers, hi-viz vests and rubbish bags can be collected from **Roydon Village Hall** between
9.30 am – 10 am

Our **pop-up café** will be providing refreshments, open to all, free to pickers, donations welcome from non-pickers.

Litter Pick dates for the rest of 2023:
Sat 10 June and Sat 14 October, 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!

ROYDON'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 15 March 2023

7:30 – 9 pm

Roydon Village Hall

Please join us on 15 March to hear from some of the many groups and activities in Roydon, including those of the parish council.

This is an informal meeting, complete with teas, coffee, juice and nibbles!

Within the meeting there'll be time to find out more about what a parish councillor does and to chat with current councillors. We'll have nomination forms to take away for anyone thinking of standing to be a councillor and an information sheet on what the council does.

If you're part of a group or activity in Roydon and

you'd like to contribute to the evening, please get in touch, in the first instance, with the parish Clerk, Wendy Benson at roydondiss@gmail.com or 07707 495297



THE DDNP GOES FOR EXAMINATION!

Report by Roydon's delegates to the DDNP Steering Group (written on 23.1.23)

South Norfolk Council (SNC) has approved the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP) to move on to independent examination before it is presented for the public's approval by referendum (public vote) later this year. SNC have appointed Mr. Andrew Ashcroft (AA) as the examiner.

The examination process is as follows: AA will visit the area to satisfy himself as to any aspects of the DDNP on which he needs clarification. He will be unaccompanied on this visit by anybody involved in the Plan's preparation, including consultees. He will then prepare a consultation note to the seven councils involved in the Plan with any queries. When he is satisfied all has been resolved, he will decide if the DDNP requires a public hearing; most neighbourhood plans can proceed without such a hearing and we are hopeful of this outcome for the DDNP. The final stage of this examination process is for AA to prepare a fact check report for the seven councils, and the two district councils, involved in the DDNP to ensure all details are correct, before completing his Examination Report.

POO CORNER ...

There have been reports of increased quantities of dog poo being left around the parish. Please would **all** dog owners pick up and safely dispose of your dog's poo? We have 8 dog poo bins in Roydon but, if your walk doesn't take you past one of these, please remember you can also use ordinary public litter bins and your own black wheely bins. Thank you!

POND CORNER ...

Brewers Green was recently visited by two experts who gave advice about pond maintenance. Some of the willows around Poplars Pond (opposite the house called The Poplars) and the Molly Pond (on the north-east Green) need coppicing to allow in more light. Steve's Pond (at the north-east corner of the Green) should be left as it is: although very shaded, it stays wet when the Molly Pond dries out. This, plus the standing, dead trees in and near the pond, all add to the variety of pond habitats and biodiversity across the Green. The pondweed in Steve's Pond is caused by fertiliser run-off from the nearby farm fields. The fishing pond (known as Pikes Pond, at the southern end of the long green) might benefit from some dredging, and a pond known as Dick'n'John's Pond, at the far end of the east Green, needs no work having recently been cleared and dredged.

Any work will be carried out by the Brewers Green Management Committee volunteers and, where necessary, by a contractor – and we hope to see healthy varied ponds in all their glory before the arrival of summer!

ROYDON'S BIG GREEN WEEK

10 – 18 June 2023

Roydon will host a Big Green Week this year, with a variety of inventive, instructive, enjoyable & fun green-themed events. It's the third year of Big Green Weeks across the country, coming under the umbrella of The Climate Coalition ([Great Big Green Week](https://www.climatecoalition.org.uk/)) and we will learn from what other communities have done and from what ideas, skills and resources our volunteers have.

We are forming a working group to plan, organise and help run our Big Green Week – nothing is determined yet, all ideas are welcome.

If you would like to be a part of this new venture please contact Wendy Benson on roydondiss@gmail.com or 07707 495297.

RPC website: for PC info, full minutes and agenda of PC meetings <https://roydondisspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>
Roydon Parish Council facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Roydondissparishcouncil

Thank you to all our volunteer deliverers of the RRU, your help is very much appreciated!