



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Roydon Winter Green Day - 3 February

Save the date: Roydon Parish Council has organised an exciting **Winter Green Day** on **Saturday 3 February at Roydon Village Hall**.

Join us for a day filled with community-driven activities that celebrate nature and sustainability:

 Litter pick from 9.30-11.30am.

Let's clean up and keep our village beautiful.

 Drop-in children's activities 10am-1pm.

Creative fun for our little eco-warriors aged four and up, run by Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

 Afternoon talks at 2pm and 3pm.

Dive into local nature restoration and conservation efforts and hear from the experts.

2pm - the history and work of Quaker Wood

3pm - local nature restoration, especially the Waveney Valley upstream of Diss.

 Round-table forum at 4pm.

Discover and share tips for creating wildlife-friendly gardens. For everyone, from novices to the more experienced. Come and listen, ask questions, contribute – whatever suits you.

 Evening film screening 7pm-9pm:

Learn about the historic 1953 floods in East Anglia, how flood events since then have been dealt with, and how they might be dealt with in the future. **Booking advised** for the film show - through Trevor Ault: trevorault@hotmail.co.uk, 07535 314852.

Throughout the day we'll also have a pop-up cafe running in the village hall serving up hot and cold drinks and delicious treats for everyone to enjoy. So spread the word, invite your friends and join us for a memorable day.

Join us for the village litter pick



The winter parish litter pick takes place on **Saturday 3 February from 9.30am-11.30am**.

Grabbers, rubbish bags and hi-viz vests will be available at Roydon Village Hall from **9.30am**.

Our pop-up cafe will be providing refreshments during the morning, free to litter pickers and with a donation if possible from others.

Meanwhile, thanks to all those residents who collect litter throughout the year.

Roydon Parish Council website:

<https://roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk/>

Roydon Parish Council on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/roydondissparishcouncil/

Diary date: annual parish meeting

Come with your questions and comments, and hear what the council has been doing over the last year.

There will also be speakers on topics such as National Grid's Pylon route, planning in Roydon and policing. There will also be a Q&A session.

Don't miss it - Roydon Village Hall, Wednesday 17 April, 7.30pm to 9pm.

See over for more news 

Council working on parish flooding hot-spots

The Parish Council arranged a visit in November by South Norfolk Council's environment team to look at sites in Roydon where regular flooding and drainage problems occur. The aim was to draw up a plan to help prevent future problems.

Several parish councillors joined the team on their tour but not all sites could be visited in the time available, so a second visit is being arranged.

One of the problems found was **drainage from grips on rural roads** (grips are drainage channels cut into verges by the the county Highways Department). They're only cut a metre from the road edge - the limit of Highways' responsibility - so many are blind channels that don't drain water away. So several councillors donned wellies to extend three grips at the west end of Tottington Lane where flooding occurs regularly - see the photo. Initial results have been positive.

The west end of Tottington Lane needs further work to clear **long-blocked ditches**, which result in water flowing on the road to the Fen Street junction. This work is the responsibility of the land owner, who South Norfolk will be writing to.



Further sites for grip extensions will be dealt with in the coming weeks, and other landowners with blocked ditches that result in flooding will be contacted.

Several flooding hot-spots are also affected by **blocked drains**. These are not cleared regularly so if you see one, please report it on the Fix My Street app or at www.fixmystreet.com and mark it as a Roads and Highways issue. Otherwise email clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

All about ditches

If there is a ditch next to or on your property you may be responsible legally for its maintenance and for keeping it clear. So please check yours regularly to help prevent

flooding in the parish.

Many householders and landowners in Roydon do keep their ditches clear, and we thank them for that. It all helps to mitigate flood risks.

For more information about ditches and landowner responsibilities, see Norfolk County Council's website bit.ly/rpc-floods

Neighbourhood plan result

In case you missed it, the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the electorate of Diss, Roydon, Burston & Shimpling, Scole, Brome & Oakley, Stuston and Palgrave in a referendum last autumn with 84% approving. The turnout was 17.97%.

Policies in the plan, which was put together with input from residents, will influence development in the area over the coming years.

Quaker Wood talk and AGM

A date for your diary. **Thursday 14 March** at 7.30pm sees the AGM of Quaker Wood, which will be followed by a talk on The Wonder of Woodlands by Rowena Langton, who was a founder of the Little Ouse Headwaters Project. It will be held at the Diss Methodist Church Hall.

Footpath updates

- **Roydon Footpath 8:** A much-needed waymarker on the well-trodden public right of way connecting Brewers Green to Louie's Lane has been reinstated by Norfolk County Council.
- **Roydon Footpath 18:** Thanks to the efforts of hard-working volunteers, overgrown brambles were cut back to clear the path between Brewers Green Lane and Factory Lane.
- **Explore the footpaths around the parish:** There are guided walks on the council's website at bit.ly/rpc-sn - just look for the Roydon Walks link in the main navigation.

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