



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Join us for the Annual Parish Meeting

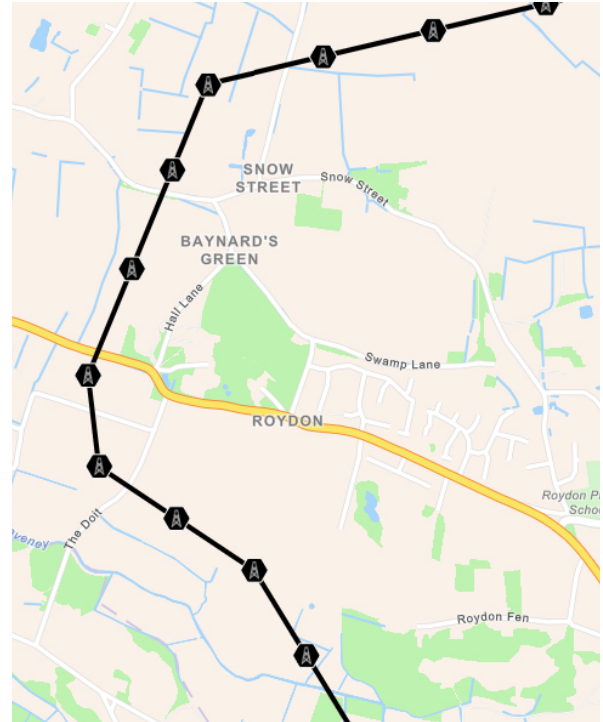
Come and meet your parish councillors and hear from experts on some key local issues at the **Annual Parish Meeting**.

It takes place at Roydon Village Hall on **Wednesday 17 April at 7.30pm**.

You will have the chance to comment and ask questions. Refreshments will also be available from our pop-up cafe.

The meeting will feature:

- A question and answer session on **Roydon Parish Council's activities** over the past year.
- A presentation from the **local police** on what they see as the key issues locally.
- An update on National Grid's proposed **Norwich to Tilbury pylon project**, the campaign opposing it, and the statutory consultation that's due to begin soon following the two unofficial consultations held over the last two years.



The route of 50m-high pylons through Roydon

Our next litter pick and a special plea to dog owners

Thanks to everyone who helped us achieve a record turnout for the **winter litter pick** in February, ensuring that the village got a proper deep clean.

One of the big issues we faced, however, were poo bags thrown by a few dog walkers into verges and trees. These not only look unsightly but are grim to clear and the plastic ones take centuries to decompose. We have several dog poo bins around the parish but if you don't see one, please take the bags home and dispose of them in your

black waste bin. Our litter pickers will certainly thank you for it!

The next parish litter pick is on Saturday 8 June, marking the start of Roydon's Big Green

Week. To take part, please meet at the Village Hall at 9.30pm to collect bin bags, litter pickers and hi-viz jackets.

A cafe will be open in the village hall with free refreshments for participants - a donation is welcome from other residents.



Flooding update

This winter's heavy rainfall has resulted in repeated flooding at various locations across the parish, as we reported in the last Round-Up.

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 with the aim of drawing up an action plan to help limit future problems.

A second meeting to visit those locations we couldn't get to first time round is taking much longer to arrange than we hoped, partly because flooding has been worse elsewhere.

Norfolk County Council's highways teams cleared those blocked drains where these were notified to them by residents or the parish council. They also cleared grips (channels several feet long from the edges of roads) to enable water to drain away into

ditches. However, the success of the grips depends in part on whether ditches are regularly maintained.

Where ditches are blocked and not being properly maintained, landowners will be reminded of their responsibilities and asked to carry out the work by South Norfolk Council.

Some ditch clearance work was carried out on Brewers Green this winter to help improve drainage in that area.

To report blocked drains, use the Fix My Street app or at www.fixmystreet.com and mark it as a Roads and Highways issue so it gets to the right team. Otherwise email clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

For more information about ditches and landowner responsibilities, see bit.ly/rpc-floods

Village planting plan

The parish council has received a £300 'Pride in Bloom' grant from South Norfolk. The money has to be spent on planting in the parish.

At our March meeting councillors voted to spend the money on sites along the High Road - the A1066. This will include planting more daffodil bulbs for spring colour, shrubs in the verges opposite the church and perennial planting near the village sign. Planting will be carried out throughout the year.

Dates for your diary

Litter picks: Saturday 8 June and Saturday 12 October, meeting at 9.30am at Roydon Village Hall. Hi-viz jackets, bin bags and litter pickers will be provided.

Roydon Big Green Week: 8-16 June at various locations in the parish. Details to follow.

Parish Council meetings: These are usually on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Room at St Remigius Church. There are no meetings in August or December. Changes plus agendas are posted on our website.

Roydon Parish Council website:

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

Roydon Parish Council on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/roydondissparishcouncil/

Brewers Green fallen tree

Winter storms brought down one of the willow trees around the Fishing Pond on Brewers Green.

The green's management committee decided to leave the majority of it where it lies to decay naturally, which should provide some great habitat for wildlife. One large branch was removed to provide seating beside one of the other ponds on the green.

A few months earlier another large willow by the pond had to be coppiced as it had extensive rot in its trunk. New shoots are already beginning to emerge.

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