



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Parking concerns raised around Roydon

Residents are being asked to be good neighbours after a number of concerns were raised about parking in the village.

First, we're urging parents and guardians who are picking up and dropping off children at Roydon Primary School to think twice about where they park their cars.

We've had several complaints that parking along the Old High Road in particular is inconsiderate and potentially dangerous, reducing the road to a single lane in places and making visibility difficult at the bend.

Drivers are free to **park in the Village Hall car park** and then walk the short distance to pick up or

drop off children, so please make use of this space to help minimise disruption and danger to other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.



Concerns have also been raised about drivers **parking on pavements** around the village. This makes it difficult for those with buggies and children, as well as those who use mobility scooters, to pass. Please consider pedestrians and the less able when you park.

We're also aware of ongoing problems with the **parking and manoeuvring of buses** on and around Copeman Road. We're working with our partners at Norfolk County Council and the bus company to help find a solution.

Mindful village request

Can you help Roydon become one of a growing number of Mindful Towns and Villages?

We're looking for people who can complete low-level mental health awareness training to become Wellbeing Champions. They will be able to use their knowledge to provide residents with support and signposting to other services as needed.

Mindful towns and villages offer safe spaces for people to have an open conversation about their mental wellbeing. More information is available at bit.ly/sn-mind

Devolution in East Anglia

The government is proposing a shake-up of local government in the region, with a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. Existing two-tier councils - district and county - would be replaced with a single tier. But how many of these there would be and what areas they would cover is being consulted on. Parish councils would be unaffected under the plans. For more, visit bit.ly/rn-devol

Join us for the annual parish meeting

Roydon's Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Tuesday 29 April at 7pm in St Remigius Church on the High Road.

The event provides an opportunity for residents to meet councillors and hear about some of the issues we've been dealing with.

There'll be a short introduction and a **question and answer** session on the council's activities over the year.

That will be followed by a presentation from our **local police officer** and Beat Manager, PC Andy Baker, on the force's activities and priorities for the area. There will also be a chance for residents to put questions to Andy on any concerns they have about crime and anti-social behaviour in the village.

The event will be followed by the April meeting of the Parish Council in the parish room at the church for those who wish to stay on.

Green Week and photo competition launched

Roydon's Big Green Week 2025 runs from 7-14 June and is packed with events and activities for adults and children - including a photo competition (see below).

More details of events will be published in the coming weeks but look out for:

- A work party at Quaker Wood on 7 June
- Pond dipping on Brewers Green on 8 June
- An event at Fox Wood Forest School on 9 June
- A walk around the village on 10 June
- A chance at sunset to observe and identify bats at Quaker Wood on 11 June
- A birdsong evening and visit to Heron Meadow on 12 June
- Events at Frenze Beck Nature Reserve in Diss on 13 and 15 June
- The summer Roydon village litter pick on the morning of Saturday 14 June.

You can also **win a prize with your best local nature photos!**

People of all ages are invited to submit a photo of plants, wildlife or landscapes in and around the parish to be in with a chance of winning. Just email photos to us with your name, age, address and phone number, a brief description and where you took the picture. It's that simple. We'll present the prizes on 14 June after the litter pick.

Prizes are being donated by local businesses including the **Natural Foodstore Coop** at Norfolk House Yard, St Nicholas Street, Diss.

Email photos to:
clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

Competition rules at: bit.ly/roydongw

Trees and hedges planted in boost for biodiversity

Parish councillors have planted three new trees and a mixed native hedge along the A1066 in Roydon.

The work was carried out on verges towards the western end of the village, providing additional interest for residents and wildlife habitat.

The trees planted were a flagpole cherry and two hawthorns. The hedge features a mix of native species, including dogwood, hawthorn and field maple, and is currently protected with a collection of spikey pyracantha clippings.

The planting was carefully planned to maintain clear sight lines for road users.

In addition, the first stage of planting a mixed native hedge along the **western boundary of the allotments** on Snow Street was completed.

The season for planting bare root trees and hedging is now over.

You may also have noticed **a fresh crop of daffodils** in bloom this spring that councillors planted last autumn, at the western end of the village opposite the church and at the junction of the Old High Road and the A1066.



Parish council meetings

Parish council meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Room at St Remigius Church on the High Road. See the website for any date changes, meeting agendas and minutes.

Got a suggestion or comment?

If you have a question for us or a suggestion for improving our village, please contact us.

Email the clerk at:

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Or call 07707 495 297

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