



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Events for all in Roydon's Big Green Week

Join us for some great free activities during Roydon's annual Big Green Week in June.

There are events for all ages to help us all get closer to nature and our local environment. To find out more, read on:

**Quaker Wood work party and scything session, Factory Lane, Roydon
Saturday 7 June, 9.30am.**

Join us for a work party and scything until midday. A chance to learn or brush up on scything skills, to help clear part of the wildflower meadow and encourage the emergence of a variety of wildflowers. Scythes and training can be provided, with people of all ages and abilities welcome.

**Fox Wood Forest School, Snow Street, Roydon
Monday 9 June, 8pm-9.30pm.**

Join a friendly open evening at Fox Wood in time for sunset. There will be children's and families' activities and host Lou will be on hand to chat and answer questions. Bring a blanket, grab a warm drink, and gather with friends and neighbours.

**A two-mile walk around the Waveney Valley
Tuesday 10 June, 7pm.**

A walk to appreciate the gem on our doorstep, the Waveney Valley. Meet at the village sign at the Village Hall. About two hours. Led by Andrew Daniels.

**Quaker Wood tour and bat walk, Factory Lane, Roydon
Wednesday 11 June, 8pm**

Meet at the Quaker Wood car park from 8pm for a walking tour of the site, highlighting the various projects and habitats found there. After a talk from our bat expert Lindsey, there will be a chance to use bat-detector devices to locate and identify some of the various species of bats found at the wood. Booking for this event is essential to ensure there are enough devices to go round. Email if you're interested: quakerwooddiss@gmail.com

**Roydon Fen / Heron Meadow birdsong walk
Thursday 12 June**

7pm, meet at Roydon Fen car park and walk to Heron Meadow via Roydon Fen track and Seven Meadows, listening to birdsong as we go. Alternatively, meet at **8pm** at Heron Meadow on Doit Lane. There we'll take a tour of the site and come together to listen to and talk about whatever birdsong is around. Refreshments for a small cash donation. **9pm** latest, walk back to Roydon Fen. Sorry, no dogs.

**Frenze Beck Nature Reserve, entrance on Sawmills Road, Diss
Friday 13 June, 7pm.**

Join a leisurely stroll around the 15-acre reserve of wetland, meadow, pasture and scrub habitats. Tessa Greaves will talk about Frenze Beck and Dan Shone-Silk about projects that the River Waveney Trust are doing and planning.

**Litter pick, Roydon Village Hall, High Road
Saturday 14 June, 9.30am**

Join us for one of our regular litter picks around the village. Meet at the village hall at

9.30am to be given a location

and collect litter pickers and rubbish bags. A cafe will be open with free refreshments for litter pickers. And later in the morning...

Photo competition winners, Roydon Village Hall, High Road

Saturday 14 June, 11.30am

Presentation to winners of our nature photo competition - see over for how to enter. Entries will be on show.

**Frenze Beck Nature Reserve, entrance on Sawmills Road, Diss
Sunday 15 June**

Frenze Beck volunteers are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the site with a day of free events including a morning Moth Session and an afternoon Butterfly and Insect Walk. More info on timings on the parish council website and Facebook page.



Council objects to Shelfanger Road development

The Parish Council has objected to detailed plans for a new development between Shelfanger Road and Heywood Road.

A section on the eastern edge of the site lies within Roydon, but the bulk is in Diss. Outline approval was granted last year. The plans from Norfolk Homes include up to 179 homes and a new road between Shelfanger Road and Heywood Road.

Roydon Council wants to see affordable housing distributed more evenly across the site to create a well-balanced and inclusive neighbourhood. We also want to see consideration given to the provision of single-storey homes.

We're concerned about the safety aspects of a play area being located across the new road from housing, and the ability of sewerage and flooding infrastructure to cope with the demands of the new development.

We're worried about the potential danger of multiple exits onto the busy Shelfanger Road from the new link road and parking areas, and want to ensure that any potential traffic calming and weight restrictions on the new road don't result in heavy traffic continuing to use Sunnyside.

South Norfolk District Council will make the final decision on the plans.

Bombard Way named

The official opening of Roydon's newest road, Bombard Way, took place as part of the VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations in May.

The road, which serves the new development off Denmark Lane, has been named after the Blacker Bombard, an anti-tank weapon mounted on concrete that was manned by Home Guard units during the Second World War.

The remains of one, discovered by Roydon Councillor George Waterman while on a litter pick, are just yards from the new development. The developers, Places for People, have paid for an information board to explain how the new road got its name.

Help our local hedgehogs

Our hedgehogs are in serious decline. In 2020 they were even listed as vulnerable to extinction in Britain. Perhaps surprisingly they're doing worse in rural areas. So how can you help?

- Make sure your garden is connected. Consider hedging rather than fencing. And if you do have fencing, create a gap of at least 13cm x 13cm.
- Leave a corner of your garden wild.
- Check undergrowth before strimming or clipping.
- Make a home for hedgehogs to hibernate.
- Weed killers, slug pellets and pesticides kill the invertebrates on which they feed, depleting food sources. And if poisoned creatures are eaten, they cause a build-up of toxins in their systems.

Win in our photo competition!

There's still time to enter our nature photo competition to win prizes donated by Diss Garden Centre on Victoria Road, Diss, and Natural Foodstore Coop, Norfolk House Yard, St Nicholas Street, Diss.

People of all ages can submit a photo of local plants, wildlife or landscapes. Just email them to us with your name, age, address and phone number, a brief description and where you took the photo. We'll present prizes on 14 June on litter pick day (see over).

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

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. 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:

clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

Or call 07707 495 297

Councillors' contact details are under the 'Councillors' tab on our website at:

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

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