



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Help needed for village's green spaces

Can you spare an hour or two a month to help our village look its best?

We're looking for residents who can help the parish council's verge group at one of Roydon's green spaces. You don't need green fingers and the work isn't difficult.

We usually meet every couple of weeks on a Tuesday morning for an hour, although meetings are less regular during the winter.

Most of our work takes place at the Loke, which is the old road between Roydon High Road and Denmark Lane towards Diss (pictured here earlier this year when the blackthorn was in full bloom).

We keep the area clear of litter and cut back just enough for the safety of those who use it. We've also planted several trees in recent years and plan to plant a few more this autumn to replace a few that didn't survive this year's exceptionally dry weather.

Our aim is to encourage the health of the diverse habitats there including wildflowers, grass, trees, flowers, brambles, nettles and more, for the benefit of wildlife and residents.

We also look after several other spots in the village, including some verges along the A1066, and have carried out planting in recent years including trees and spring bulbs.

If you can help out - and it doesn't have to be every time we meet - or want more information, please email the parish clerk at:

clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk



Litter pick set for 22 November

Our autumn litter pick has been rescheduled for Saturday, 22 November, at 9.30am.

Please meet at Roydon Village Hall on the High Road from 9.30am-10am to be allocated a location in the village and to receive rubbish bags, hi-viz vests and litter pickers.

The event had to be rescheduled from early October because of Storm Amy, which brought strong winds and rain and brought down trees in the area.

There'll be a pop-up cafe at the village hall in the morning with free refreshments for litter pickers. All are welcome to come along but we ask non-pickers for a donation to help cover costs.

Bearing in mind the weather at this time of year, keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for any further updates.

Other ways to help out locally

- **Quaker Wood**, the woodland and open space on Factory Lane that's managed by Diss Community Woodland Project, is always looking for volunteers. Working parties are held from 9.30am on the first Saturday of each month. For details visit www.quakerwood.org.uk
- **The River Waveney Trust** is keen to recruit volunteers to help with a range of tasks including work parties. Visit www.riverwaveneytrust.org

Updates on planning, highways and pylons

- The Parish Council objected once again to plans for **a new estate between Shelfanger Road in Roydon and Heywood Road in Diss** as the developers had not taken on board many of our concerns. The plans allow for more than 170 homes and we want to see affordable housing distributed more evenly across the site, the provision of single-storey homes and a play area located within the development rather than across a new road. We also have road safety concerns.
- **Tottington Lane** has a new sign stating it's unsuitable for HGVs following various incidents.
- The Planning Inspectorate will start a formal examination of National Grid's plan for **180km of new 50m electricity pylons** from Norwich to Tilbury in the near future. The pylons will skirt Roydon to the north, west and south, crossing the Waveney Valley in the gap between Wortham Ling and Roydon Fen. During the examination, residents can register to put forward their views to the inspectorate. We'll provide more updates when we get them.
- Surveys have been carried out by Norfolk County Council on the **footpath between Snow Street and Baynards Lane** as part of work to restore it and improve access for pedestrians.

Five winter tips for wildlife

Winter is a quieter time for wildlife but there are things you can do to help.

- Provide an early nectar source for insects by planting Erica species of heather, mahonia, ivy and hellebores.



Biodiversity in Roydon

- Common toad numbers have declined 41% in the last 40 years in Britain. Make a toad shelter using a broken terracotta pot and fill with leaves, it's best placed near a pond if you have one.
- Create log piles, let leaf litter collect on flower beds and avoid cutting back the stems of dead plants to provide shelter for creatures.
- Before having a bonfire, check before it's lit for sheltering animals, such as hedgehogs, frogs and toads. Be careful turning compost heaps as these can also be a warm spot for them.
- Provide a shallow dish of water on the ground so that garden wildlife can drink. Melt it if it freezes.

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. The December meeting, however, will be held on the 16th. See the website for any date changes, meeting agendas and minutes.

New councillor joins us

Please welcome Gareth Dalglish as a new parish councillor for Roydon.

Gareth has been a resident of the parish since the 1980s, has a particular interest in environmental issues and has worked in nature conservation for much of his life. Many residents will know him from the talks he's given about Roydon Fen.

During our Winter Green Day last year Gareth spoke about the Waveney and Little Ouse Recovery Project, which aims to enhance the natural heritage of the landscape and combat declines in biodiversity along the river valleys. Gareth was recently the Director of Nature Recovery for Norfolk Wildlife Trust and currently works as a Parliamentary case worker.

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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