



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Improvements made across the village

A series of improvements have been made around the village over the winter months by volunteers and parish councillors.

A number of trees were planted on **Millway Green near Shelfanger Road**, paid for by a grant from our county councillor. The trees included native species and were placed following consultation with local residents.

Opposite the green a large hedge and trees were removed recently by developers ahead of the build of a new housing estate so we hope the new planting will go some way towards replacing lost habitat and, eventually, provide some screening.

Changes were also made at the **village war memorial** by the church just in time for the annual Remembrance Day

service. Councillors removed a large number of dying box bushes that had been affected by blight and the enthusiastic munching of the box moth caterpillar during the summer. The box has been replaced by yew, which is more resilient.



At **the Loke**, the footpath that follows the old road between the High Road and Denmark Lane on the border with Diss, we planted several young trees to replace some that died during the summer drought.

We also cut back a long section of brambles and other growth to create more safe space for pedestrians and cyclists. Regular work parties made up of parish councillors and other volunteer residents take place at the Loke every few weeks outside the depths of winter.

If you'd like to help the Millway Green trees stay healthy, such as by watering them during dry spells, contact Cllr George Waterman: cllr.george.waterman@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

Come and join us for the February litter pick

Our winter litter pick will take place on Saturday, 7 February, 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.

Do try to come along and help us keep our village looking its best.

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 updates as conditions may result in a postponement.

****** If you spot any flytipping around the parish, or other issues such as potholes, graffiti and damaged road signs, you can report it online at www.fixmystreet.com or on the Fix My Street mobile phone app.

New housing and the impact on the parish precept

The new housing development off of Denmark Lane, near the boundary with Diss, is nearing completion and Roydon Parish Council would like to extend a special welcome to its residents.

The development has resulted in an increase in the number of homes in the village, which also means that despite us increasing the parish council's precept by 3% in the next financial year, the average band D household will actually pay £0.06 less this year for our services.

The precept we've requested will be £30,517.98 in 2026-27. Additional charges are levied by other

authorities - including South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk County Council - to provide services.

The Denmark Lane development is centred on a new road, Bombard Way. This was named after the Blacker Bombard, an anti-tank weapon that would've been used by the local Home Guard in case of attack by invading German forces during the Second World War. The concrete remains of one of these weapons lie in woodland nearby, just off Denmark Lane.

In case of enemy attack, a crew of between three and five people from the Home Guard would've mounted a 29mm Spigot Mortar onto the base ready for use on armoured vehicles and the forces manning them..

Mindful Village status

Roydon has been awarded Mindful Village status, joining other communities promoting mental health and wellbeing in the district.

This follows a training session held in the autumn for a group of local people. They are now our Wellbeing Champions, available to provide support to those who need it and advise on where other resources can be found if they need to access more help.

More opportunities to get involved as volunteers are also planned, for both individuals and businesses, in Roydon and Diss.

If you want to be involved, find out more or feel that you would benefit from talking to one of our Wellbeing Champions, contact Louise at Fox Wood Forest School on **07979 962073** or email: foxwoodforestschoolou@gmail.com

Alternatively, contact the local trainer Kenny on trainerwbc.roydondiss@outlook.com

A special thank you to all the distributors of the Roydon Round Up - we couldn't do it without you

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 full list of dates is available on our website. Any changes will be published there along with agendas and minutes.

Bag it and bin it...

A plea to dog owners and their use of pet waste bags - don't bag your dog's waste and throw it in hedges, verges or leave it on paths. Please bin it.

It's not only unsightly but those residents who commit their own time to our litter picks end up having to clear the bags themselves - an unpleasant and potentially dangerous task.

There are several bins around the village specifically for the collection of bagged dog waste - please use them. Free bags are provided by the dog waste bin at Quaker Wood too. If you don't pass a bin, please take your waste home and dispose of it in your normal black waste bin.

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 'About us' tab on our website at:

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

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