



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Footpath ditch bridges get an upgrade

Broken bridges on footpaths in Roydon have been fixed, ensuring they're more accessible for ramblers and dog walkers.

The work was carried out by Norfolk County Council at the request of the parish council.

New ditch bridges (known as ligger bridges) have been installed on **Footpath 2** - a public right of way that runs north from Snow Street, parallel and to the east of Darrow Lane. The council also raised the height of one of the bridges to make it easier to use. We've reported a third bridge - the furthest north - to the county council, requesting repair.

Previously, the county had upgraded the bridge across the ditch at the junction of **Footpaths 4 and 5** (again to the east of Darrow Lane). This was carried out alongside improvements by the landowner, such as adding fencing and removing stiles, making access much easier.

Footpath 9, between Snow Street and Baynards Lane, is now a lot busier after work carried out by a landowner.

**** If you find problems with footpaths, such as broken bridges, missing signage or blockages, report them using the Fix My Street app or website - www.fixmystreet.com**



Time for the next litter pick - join us on 23 May

Our spring litter pick will take place on Saturday, 23 May, at 9.30am.

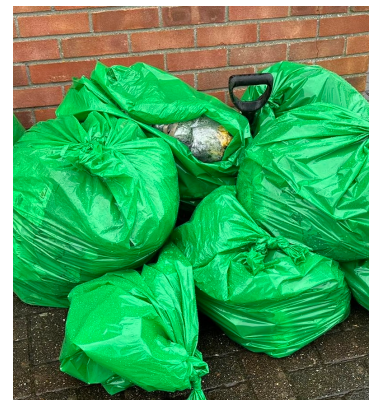
Please meet at Roydon Village Hall on the High Road from 9.30am-10am to be allocated a location in the village and to receive rubbish bags, hi-viz vests and litter pickers.

Do try to come along for an hour or two to help us keep our village

looking its best. Keep an eye on the parish council website or Facebook page for any updates as weather conditions may result in a postponement.

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.



Pride in Bloom, and other parish updates

The Parish Council has allocated match funding of £500 to be spent in the village as part of South Norfolk Pride in Bloom.

The sum will be matched by South Norfolk District Council, which is behind the project to transform green spaces, plant vibrant flowers and create new habitats for bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife. In towns and villages in the area.

The parish council discussed various options for where to spend the money at the March meeting,

Pylons update

Roydon Parish Council spoke at a public hearing in Norwich about National Grid's plans for 50-metre pylons between Norwich and Tilbury, which would run through our parish.

We had already submitted written objections, but this hearing allowed us to present directly to the Planning Inspectorate, which will make recommendations to the Government on whether the Grid's plan should be approved. In our five-minute slot, we explained that Roydon is the only village on the entire route that would be enclosed on three sides by pylons, and that this goes against established planning and design guidelines known as the Holford Rules.

Roydon was very well represented at the hearings, with several residents also speaking. They raised important points about the impact of the pylons on the parish, the Waveney Valley, the wider environment and the lives of local people.

The campaign against the pylons is being led by the Pylons East Anglia group. To find out more about it and to donate to their campaign, visit their website at www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk

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.

Including revamping the entrance to the church (subject to consultation with the parochial church council), verges on the A1066 and the Loke.

Please let us know if you have other ideas on how the money could be spent using the contact details at the bottom of the page.

- **Existing district and county councils are to be abolished in Norfolk.** Roydon will be in the new single-tier East Norfolk Council, instead of South Norfolk District and Norfolk County Councils. Elections for the new council will take place in May 2027. Roydon Parish Council is not affected by the changes.
- **A reminder that hedges must not be cut during bird-nesting season,** which generally concludes at the end of August. It's against the law - unless the hedges are obstructing roads and footpaths. If you must cut, please check to ensure birds aren't nesting first.

Help us keep trees alive

Parish council volunteers planted a number of trees in the Millway Green area over winter but we need your help to keep them alive.

With spring being so dry, the trees will need regular watering to keep them healthy and thriving. Can you spare a few minutes every week or so to help out?

If you can please contact Cllr George Waterman by email: cllr.george.waterman@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

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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