



Mill Marsh Play Area Redevelopment



A message from the Town Mayor:

2024 looks like it's going to be another busy year. We were delighted to open the redesigned play park. By the number of children and families using it looks like it's a great success.

Congratulations to Maddie Fisher, who attends St Catherine's School, who won the competition to name the castle Bovey Towers. The name will be in place soon.

If you have any table tennis equipment you no longer use, please consider donating it by leaving it at the Riverside Community Centre. Thank you to everyone involved in the playground redevelopment.

Friends of Mill Marsh Park encouraged the development of the playground redesign and helped with the consultation. They have undertaken multiple projects including developing the Tree Trails and planting trees and spring bulbs.

There are plans to redevelop the basket ball area and the Trim Trail and explore the installation of low level path lighting. If you would like to get involved and become part of this friendly group of residents please contact the Town Clerk.

Wildflower verges: Residents continue to work with us to develop wildflower verges. The perennial bed continues to flourish at Bradley Bends. Molay Littry, the verge by the Fire-station and an area in the park will be sown with annuals in March. Thank you to everyone involved.



Mayor Sheila Brooke

Heathfield Action Team (HAT) & Prince Rupert Play Area Redevelopment

Cllr Hannah Mills-Brown & Cllr Lisa Robilliard Webb have really enjoyed getting to know the Heathfield community, out of the discussions with residents, plans are now afoot in Heathfield:

- A **Heathfield Action Team (HAT)** has been formed—residents and organisations keen to make a difference are now meeting monthly to get projects underway to support Heathfield.
- New designs for Prince Rupert Way playpark are now being developed, local children & residents will be able to view the plans and give their preferences.

Hannah & Lisa are supporting the hardworking team at the Heathfield Community Centre to support its role as the heart of many community activities, including:

- **Coffee & Consultation on Saturday 2nd March 2024 11.00am to 12.30pm— everyone welcome!**
- Plans are being developed to reinstate the youth club provision for the younger community.

A real highlight so far has been meeting local children & families at St Catherine's Christmas fair.

If you would like to get involved please contact lisa.robilliardwebb@boveytracey.gov.uk or hannah.mills-brown@boveytracey.gov.uk or call the town council to book in a phone-call.

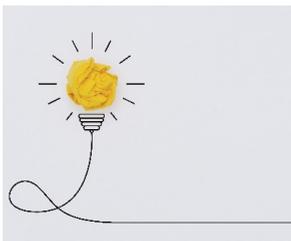


Carbon Update 'Net Zero'

To achieve its carbon emissions reduction targets, a local Council must first measure all of its existing carbon emissions and then design a measurable action plan to bring them down to 'net zero'.

Since the carbon baseline was done in 2021/2022 the main focus has been to reduce the council's use of grid electricity. Solar Panels on the Riverside Community Centre were commissioned in late November 2022 and have reduced the grid electricity by 50%, from 21644 to 10822 kilowatts annually.

Rationalisation of electricity meters on other sites that the town Council no longer need has reduced consumption from 2754 kilowatts to 1,986 a reduction of nearly 30%.



Community Awards



It's nomination Time for the Annual Community Awards
There are four categories of award:



Young Citizen of the Year Award
Community Champion Award
Environmental Champion Award

Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey.

As readers of the Quality Update many of you will know of individuals or small groups that are deserving of being considered for an Award for the good work they do within the Bovey Tracey and Heathfield communities, please put their names forward for nomination.

The **closing date** for receipt of nominations is **Tuesday 5th March 2024**. Presentation of the Awards will be made at the Annual Town Meeting in the Riverside Community Centre on **Wednesday 27th March 2024**.

Nominations for any of the Awards must be submitted by a nominator and seconder and the nominee must have agreed in advance to being nominated. (Town Councillors and Town Council staff shall not be eligible for nomination).

Qualifications for nominations are available on the Town Council website or from the Council office in the Riverside Community Centre. If no nomination is received for any category of Award, that Award will not be made for this year.

Budget & Precept April 2024/25

Bovey Tracey Town Council operates and looks after a wide range of community facilities including allotments, bus shelters, a cemetery, community hall, public toilets, public open spaces and play areas. For a full list please see www.boveytracey.gov.uk.

For any organisation to operate effectively it needs a sound budget. The Town Council has a commitment to continue to deliver, protect and enhance community facilities. Recently, the Town Council completed the redevelopment of the play area in Mill Marsh Park and is in the process of agreeing its Strategic Plan priorities for the coming year(s).

The Town Council also remains committed to assisting local voluntary groups who do so much for the town. This is achieved by offering grants and practical support where possible.

The Town Council has also committed to mitigating Climate Change as a priority and will address this through all its activities.

The budget has now been approved and based on a Council Tax Band D property, the average house will pay £93.40 a year for the services of Bovey Tracey Town Council compared to £88.96 in 2023/24. That's a 4.99% increase on last year (£4.44 annually or 8p a week). This 'precept' represents the smallest proportion of your overall Council Tax Bill which you receive from Teignbridge District Council.

The full budget is available to view via:
www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Annual-Accounts/Town-Council



Riverside Community Centre Hall & Office/Room Hire



The Riverside Community Centre has spaces for hire.

A large modern hall which is well lit and warm, with folding chairs/tables and tea and coffee making equipment, ideal for meetings, conferences, workshops and most types of events. Prices start from £10 per hour.

Did you know we also have start-up offices/ smaller rooms for local businesses to utilise? Hiring charges start at £2.50 per hour or £12.50 per day.

If you have any questions, please contact the Centre Manager Helen Tate on **07946 059637** or for booking calendars and a booking enquiry form go to <https://www.boveytracey.gov.uk/>



20mph is Plenty

A big thank you to all those who completed our online survey on 20 mph in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. 65% of respondents were broadly in favour depending on specific details and 35% against. Following feedback it is indicated that the most popular proposals are;

- 62% in favour of 20 mph in an area of central Bovey.
- 54% in favour of 20 mph in residential streets in Heathfield.

So, what happens now? There is a Devon County Council scheme designed to introduce 20mph zones in a small number of towns and villages each year. It will be scheduled as an agenda item on the Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee, however, there is no guarantee that it will be agreed by DCC or funded. We will keep you informed about any progress. Survey results will provide very useful information for any future proposals.



Heathfield Christmas Lights 2023



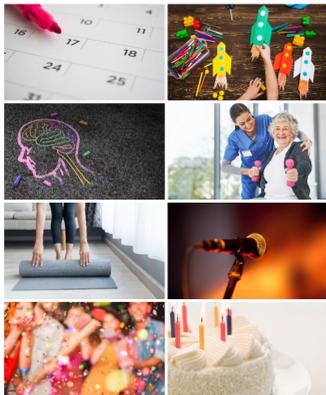
Christmas, December 2023 Bovey Tracey Town Council delivered Festive Christmas Lighting for Heathfield community on Battle Road.

The Town Council would like to thank the community for your warm

response to the Christmas lights and your kind words of appreciation and thanks on social media.

We would also like to thank all the businesses that have supported our Christmas Lights 2023.

Events & activities happening in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield!



For a full range of events and activities in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield from clubs, exercise classes, dementia workshops, the pain cafe to heritage talks and music events across a range of venues around town such as the Riverside Community Centre, please visit our website;

<https://www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Bovey-Tracey/Events-in-Bovey/> or scan the QR code.



Add an event! If you have an event or activity at any venue in Bovey Tracey or Heathfield that you would like to go on our events page on the website, please scan the QR code or visit;

www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Signup/event/



Website address www.boveytracey.gov.uk

Bovey Hedgehog Group

Many of us love hedgehogs and would like to see them in our gardens. A group of residents, wildlife wardens and town councillors have formed a friendly and informal group to support and encourage hedgehogs in our gardens and safe public spaces.

We had a display on the town council stand at the Christmas Market in December with information, leaflets, a video of local hedgehogs and a hedgehog house, and asked people to plot their sightings of hedgehogs on our maps. We were really pleased to find that in quite a short space of time we had pins in the map in Bovey Tracey, Heathfield, Liverton, Ilsington, and Chudleigh Knighton. More hedgehogs than we had imagined! We loved people's enthusiasm about our prickly friends.

We talked about hedgehog highways, feeding, providing houses for them to nest or hibernate, poorly hedgehogs and the dangers and challenges that face hedgehogs.

If you would be interested in joining us do let us know or look out for us at future events:

sue.simmons@boveytracey.gov.uk or steve.oldrieve@boveytracey.gov.uk



Dates for your diary – Everyone welcome – Events open to all



Coffee & Consultation, Saturday 2nd March 2024 11.00am to 12.30pm, Heathfield Community Centre, 10 Cannon Road, Heathfield, TQ12 6SH

Annual Community Awards:

- Closing date for receipt of nominations is Tuesday 5th March 2024
- Community Awards Presentation, Wednesday 27th March 2024, at the Annual Town Meeting in the Riverside Community Centre

Annual Town Meeting

Wednesday 27th March 6pm at Riverside Community Centre

If you would like to meet some of the groups that run activities in the parish, hear who has won the community awards, find out more about what your council is doing and meet the councillors come and join us for a cup of tea and some cake.

Bovey Tracey Town Council Go Kart Project at Riverside Community Centre

Bovey Tracey Town Council was awarded a grant from Devon's Growing Communities scheme to run a project at the Riverside Community Centre, young people from the community came together to design and build Go Karts led by two facilitators Justin Fellows and Cat Howard.

On 26th November 2023, the Go-kart challenge was finally completed with a thrilling run-off and time trial at Oxen Park Farm, Teign Valley.

Well done lads including: Seth Hervin, Jo Grimes, Jacob Ayres, Jago and Zack Stone, Nathan Smith, Toby and Ben. You made super efforts and demonstrated great ingenuity and commitment. Also thanks to all the parents who gave permission for their lads to hurtle down steep fields at speed, whilst almost but not quite, inside their karts.

Simpkins Edwards supported the project by sending along volunteer helpers and by donating monies to buy safety gear. Thank you so much for your encouragement.



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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

You are welcome to join any of the council's meetings. All meetings usually take place in the Riverside Community Centre.

Monday 4 th March 2024	Planning & Environment Committee	6:15pm
	Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee	7:00pm
Monday 18 th March 2024	Full Council	7:00pm
Monday 27 th March 2024	Annual Town Meeting	7.00pm
Monday 8 th April 2024	Planning & Environment Committee	6:15pm
	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7:00pm
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Planning & Environment Committee	6:15pm
	Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee	7:00pm
Monday 8 th May 2024	Annual Council Meeting	7:00pm

Accessibility statement:

If you require this information in an alternative format, please contact the Town Council Offices.



South West in Bloom



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) is contributing to the development of the Greater Taunton Moor Local Enterprise Action Zone.