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Community Survey: *Paying for the Escalating Costs of Bovey Tracey Public Toilets (Station Road)*

Tell us your opinion...

At a recent meeting of the Town Council's Finance Committee, members considered the future management arrangements for the public toilets at the Riverside Community Centre, which due to the escalating costs in operation (utility costs and fuel/salary charges for the contractor), included the possibility of implementing charging to use the toilets in the future.

These toilets are proving extremely popular throughout the year and since opening have also been the subject of vandalism and some anti-social behaviour. Members of the Council are keen that this facility remains clean, safe and well maintained as it contributes towards the town's image. Councils are not required to provide public toilets and any expenditure by councils must be covered from residential Council Tax.

In summary, there are two options shortlisted:

Option A – Charge for Entry

Install a paddlegate access system in the narrowed corridor area. The paddlegate will restrict access and can only be accessed by making payment via a cashless reader. Charges per person to visit, are likely to be 20 to 30p per visit'. This charge would be required by all users (e.g. residents and visitors alike).

Option B – No Entry Charge, Funded by Council Tax

No charge for all users of the Public Toilets which will remain FREE. This option will require an increase to the Town Council's revenue budget due to escalating running costs. As the Town Council only has very limited income streams, the likely impact will be an increase to the Council Tax charge for all residents/households in the Bovey Parish. The Council already has a budget towards some of the running costs, however it's likely that any increase attributed towards the public toilets that may be considered by the Council could result in an individual household Council Tax increase of approximately £2.50 - £3.00 yearly for this service.

Following consideration of a number of management options, members would like to seek the views of residents on their preferred course of action and kindly request that you complete and submit this very short online survey via www.boveytracey.gov.uk (paper copies are available on request from the Town Clerk).

Regardless of the outcome of the above options, the Changing Places cubicle will continue to be accessed without charge via the national Radar Key scheme.

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is seeking a new Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) for this year's Poppy Appeal in Bovey Tracey.

The RBL marked its 100th anniversary last year and welcomed back its fleet of Poppy volunteers after they were taken off the streets in 2020. The RBL is now looking for a new PAO (or a group of people) to help organise Poppy activities for Bovey Tracey.

Izy Shaw - Community fundraiser said, "Our annual Poppy Appeal is a national event, and the general public is always very keen to wear its poppies proudly and give generously – this is truly a sight to behold.

"We really want to thank everyone across the area who got involved and supported the Poppy Appeal in 2021, but we have seen a reduction in the number of our organisers and collectors following the pandemic, but the RBL still has a job to do, and we are optimistic for this year.

The Royal British Legion is a champion of Remembrance and is responsible for the annual Poppy Appeal each year. Since it was first worn as an act of Remembrance just over 100 years ago, the poppy has become an enduring symbol of support for our Armed Forces, past and present.

Funds raised through the Poppy Appeal support current serving personnel, veterans, and their families, and the RBL is currently helping people who are isolated from family, feeling lonely, facing homelessness, struggling to feed their children or in financial crisis. Many of them never imagined they would have to ask for charity support.

From providing expert advice and guidance, to recovery and rehabilitation, through to transitioning to civilian life – with help from the community, the RBL can be by their side every step of the way.

The RBL's annual appeal is dependent on volunteers to distribute poppies and to raise

funds locally, but without a PAO to organise the activity, poppies will be limited in Bovey Tracey. With the support of your Community Fundraiser and neighbouring Poppy Appeal Organiser and the training and guidance provided by the Royal British Legion, the RBL are asking for volunteers in Bovey Tracey to step up this year and ensure the town can mark remembrance alongside the rest of the country.

RBL is keen to welcome new volunteers so that your community can continue to show its support to our Armed Forces Community, past and present.

The public is reminded that you don't need to have a military connection to recognise the sacrifices our Armed Forces have given and continue to give for the rest of the public.

Izy added "Our volunteers are more important than ever. Every year they play a critical role in every corner of the country to meet the huge public demand for our poppies, the nation's symbol of remembrance. The charity will give you all the information and training you need to be successful in the role. We will also provide support from your local Community Fundraiser and invest in you to gain experience volunteering for a national charity.

Anyone who would like to volunteer this year can contact:

ishaw@britishlegion.org.uk / 07808 276779

or visit our website: rbl.org.uk/poppyvolunteer



Budget & Precept Setting for 2022/23

Bovey Tracey Town Council is currently in the process of considering options for setting of the budget from 1st April 2023. The budget options will initially be considered by the Town Council's Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee, the recommendations from which will be further considered and approved at a meeting of the Full Council on the 23rd January 2023.

If you wish to put forward items or projects for consideration that will require funding during the next financial year or you would like to review the options being considered, please visit

www.boveytracey.gov.uk

or contact the Town Clerk email: info@boveytracey.gov.uk

Drop-In Session for Prospective Councillors

Prospective candidates can learn about what it takes to become a Councillor ahead of 2023's May local council elections.

Representatives from Bovey Tracey Town Council will be available on Tuesday 13th December at a drop-in session to discuss what the role involves and how residents can put themselves forward for the election. Our existing Councillors include people who also work or study full-time, part-time or are retired, but want to get involved in community decision-making to improve the local parish. Come and chat to them about how they originally got involved, the commitment needed and how they fit it in, what it's like to be a Councillor at the non-party political level, some of the projects they've worked on, the difference they've been able to make and the support they've been given along the way

The Parish of Bovey Tracey is divided into 2 electoral wards (Bovey Tracey and Heathfield), represented by 14 councillors who are elected for four years.

The next election for parish, town and district council positions will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

The drop-in session on the 13th December will be held between 4.00pm and 7.00pm at Bovey Tracey Town Council's offices at the Riverside Community Centre in Bovey Tracey.

Drop-in for some refreshments and for an informal discussion to find out more.

Remembrance Service - Bovey Tracey

Uniformed organisations will parade from Abbey Road to the Church of St Peter, Paul & Thomas of Canterbury on Sunday 13th November 2022. The parade will depart around 9.30am to arrive at the church for the 10.00am church service. The wreath laying ceremony will take place at approximately 11.00am at the Town War Memorial.

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FORGET





A CHRISTMAS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN HEATHFIELD
 COME AND JOIN US ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON THE 3RD DECEMBER AT THE YOUTH CLUB
 More details to follow - Visit <https://www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Bovey-Tracey/Events-in-Bovey/>

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENING HOURS:

Town Council: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm
Library: Mon: Closed | Tue: 10am-6pm | Wed: Closed
 Thu: 10am-5pm | Fri: 10am-1pm | Sat: 10am-1pm
Information Centre: Opening times vary throughout the year - Please telephone 01626 832047

**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, please email info@boveytracey.gov.uk if you would like to come along.

Monday 17 th October 2022	Planning and Environment Committee	6.15pm
	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7.00pm
Monday 31 st October 2022	Planning & Environment Committee	6.15pm
	Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee	7.00pm
Monday 14 th November 2022	Full Council - held at St. Catherines School, Heathfield	7.00pm
Monday 28 th November 2022	Planning & Environment Committee	6.15pm
Monday 12 th December 2022	Planning & Environment Committee	6.15pm
	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7.00pm

Don't forget to visit www.boveytracey.gov.uk for the latest news and events in and around the parish