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Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

At the Annual Council Meeting Cllr Sheila Brooke was re-elected as Town Mayor for 2024-2025 and Councillor Martyn Evans as Deputy Mayor.

The Community Awards 2024 were presented by the Mayor, Cllr Sheila Brooke at the Annual Town Meeting on 27th March. Thank you to the public for such a good turn out to celebrate the wonderful contributions of those receiving awards!



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| Young Citizen of the Year | Bella Stephenson | Community activities at the PPT (parish church), brownies fundraising, school activities. |
| Environmental Champion | The Repair Café | Repairing broken items, reducing landfill and carbon emissions. |
| Community Champion | Stephen Ley | Exemplary work as our parish sweeper. |
| Honorary Representative of the Lord Manor | Vanessa Steer | Over 20 years of leading voluntary roles. |

Town Council Grants



Bovey Tracey Town Council provides small financial grants to local community groups and charities that provide benefits to residents in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield. For 2024-2025 the full grants allocation has been awarded to the following parish causes:

- Bovey Tracey Youth Café to provide youth services
- Moorland Community Care to provide social events to those with care needs
- The Carnival Committee for town events
- Citizen's Advice for two video link services in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield Community



Full details on how to apply for Town Council Grants can be found on our website, however, no further applications can be considered until 1st April 2025.

www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Services/Town-Council

or scan the QR code



Citizen's Advice Service Bovey Tracey & Heathfield

Citizen's Advice Bovey Tracey has been running out of the Methodist Church for the past year. In the last 3 months 119 people were helped in Bovey Tracey with 526 issues identifying over £102,000 in financial support.

Benefits identified relate to housing and debt (fuel debts, council tax arrears and water charges). Financial gains secured mainly through advice and assistance with benefits claims. The Bovey Tracey results have been outstanding in the cost of living crisis and the Town Council has awarded a grant in 2024 to expand the service to Heathfield Community.

The Methodist Church also hosts the Community Fridge, a free of charge food sharing initiative to prevent food waste.

Citizen's Advice Bovey Tuesday 10:00-12:30

Community Fridge The Methodist Church, Fore Street ... Open Daily
(Bovey Only) Bovey Tracey TQ13 9AD

Citizen's Advice Heathfield... Moor's Edge Children's Centre, Wed 09:00 - 11:30
Musket Road, Heathfield TQ12 6SB (Times may vary, subject to change)



Five Stars Awarded for our Park!

Parks are judged each year by the Royal Horticultural Society for a **Pride in the Parks** award. Mill Marsh Park has been judged and awarded the top Five Stars.

A big thank you to our groundsmen Pete and Roger who care for the park every day. Bovey Tracey also enters the **South West in Bloom Awards** annually achieving outstanding results for successive years, if you would like to support by volunteering for the initiative please contact sheila.brooke@boveytracey.gov.uk. Information on the awards can be found here www.southwestinbloom.org.uk and the QR code for more information on South West in Bloom.



Youth Shelter Seating

Seating has now been installed in the youth shelter in Mill Marsh Park, the youth shelter initiative came about after Town Council consultation with the youth café and young people of Bovey Tracey identified they wanted a dry space to congregate.



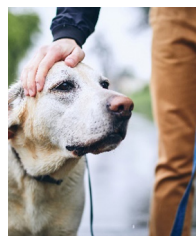
Finger Point Signs

The Town Council made a successful bid and was awarded UK Shared Prosperity, Levelling Up Funding for a feasibility study for Finger Point signs to connect the Station Road area to the centre of town and Fore Street. These signs are designed to help residents and visitors find their way around the town.

Public Space Protection Order at the Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground and play area, Newton Road, is a public space for everyone, children and young people, sports clubs, walkers and dog walkers with dogs on leads. The Recreation ground has a Dog Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) placed by Teignbridge and enforced by their Dog Warden, helping Bovey Tracey be an even cleaner and greener place.

Fines can be issued. To contact the Dog Warden or report an issue, please contact envc@teignbridge.gov.uk. More information and PSPO rules can be found at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-wellbeing/dogs/dog-pspo/dog-controls/



Heathfield Ward Update

Heathfield Action Team (HAT)

is growing with more members joining at every session. HAT is connecting Heathfield-based organisations, businesses and residents with the aim of creating a stronger network all with the same aim of benefiting the Heathfield community. Planned summer events include community litter picks, planting of a micro-tree nursery, a community centre open day and youth cabins open day.

Prince Rupert Way Play Park

The project to renovate, improve and increase the play park is well underway. Teignbridge has completed the necessary surveys and will go out to tender in due course to find a provider to bring to life the visions of the Heathfield children and residents. Keeping the established trees integrated into the new designs is of high importance.

Youth Cabins

CLlr Charlie West joined Cllr Lisa Robilliard Webb and Cllr Hannah Mills-Brown to spring clean the Youth Cabins, Cannon Road, Heathfield. The Town Council maintain the youth cabins on the loaned Sparkworld site. Work is underway to get the youth offer up and running again. In the meantime, Heathfield councillors are working with various individuals and organisations on creative youth projects at the cabins.

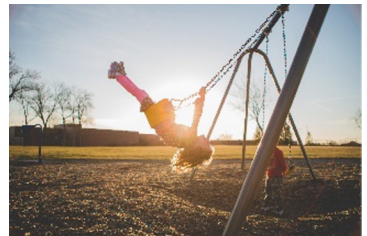
SAVE THE DATE

Sun 23 June **Family Event & Exhibition of Local Teenagers' Urban Art at the Youth Cabins** – Refreshments & Activities Families welcome!

For events & activities in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield please visit:

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

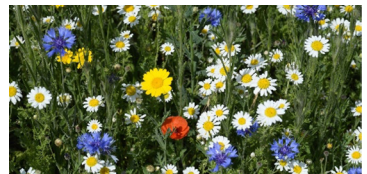
If you would like to speak to Cllr Robilliard Webb and Cllr Hannah Mills-Brown, please email lisa.robilliardwebb@boveytracey.gov.uk and hannah.mills-brown@boveytracey.gov.uk



Wildflower Verges

Bovey Tracey Town Council recognises the importance of continuing to develop wildflower areas and consider initiatives to conserve natural areas in the town. The bank on Rendell's Meadow has been left to grow and the council has been supporting No Mow May for the town verges.

Le Molay Littry Way, the verge by the fire station and an area in Mill Marsh Park have been sown with wildflower seeds. The corner of Bradley Bends is now well established with perennial wildflower plants supplemented with 100s of plug plants grown by residents Cathy & Pete Burgess. Each area has its challenges but once established, collectively, will create a big impact for wildlife.



Planning - Are you or your neighbours considering an extension? Do you know of a planning application near you?

Most people will know that either Teignbridge District Council & Dartmoor National Park Authority are our planning authorities and that your Planning Committee approves or refuses planning applications, but some may not know that your local town council also has a planning committee which issues observations on local planning applications. The Planning and Environment Committee meets around sixteen times a year, usually on a Monday. As with all the council's meetings the dates and agendas are announced on our website. We consider all Bovey Tracey and Heathfield applications received by Teignbridge and Dartmoor National Park Authority, from small extensions and replacement garages, to changes of use and large housing estates. The aims of the committee are:

- To issue planning related observations in response to planning applications within the parish
- To communicate effectively with residents.

To this end we consider applications in the light of the council's declaration of a climate and environmental emergency, our Neighbourhood Plan (on our website), and any neighbours' comments or objections. We are keen to hear from local people about planning applications and we have time at the beginning of our meetings when we invite anyone who has a comment to speak. So why not come along and contribute to the discussion? This can be helpful to us, and we hope it gives local residents a chance to be heard.

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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

You are welcome to join any of the council's meetings. Meetings usually take place in the Riverside Community Centre, unless otherwise stated.

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| Monday 24 th Jun 2024 | Full Council (to be held in Heathfield) | 7:00pm |
| Monday 8 th Jul 2024 | Planning & Environment Committee | 6.15pm |
| | Recreation, Parks & Property Committee | 7.00pm |
| Monday 2 nd Sep 2024 | Planning & Environment Committee | 6.15pm |
| | Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee | 7.00pm |
| Monday 16 th Sep 2024 | Full Council (to be held in Heathfield) | 7.00pm |

Hall & Office Hire at Riverside Community Centre

Please contact our Centre Manager Helen Tate on 07946 059637 or for booking calendars and a booking enquiry form go to our website.



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