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TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTED ANNUAL EVENTS - A THANK YOU

Thank you from the Town Council and people of Bovey to Event Organisers and all those who attend. Bovey Tracey Town Council supports a range of Annual Town Events, through offering Mill Marsh Park for events in accordance with our Events Policy, supporting road closures on Fore Street for Town Centre Events, administration and collecting contributions, to supporting our councillors, and sometimes providing community grants to local charities for a contribution to running costs.



Some of the Events are listed here:

Event	Calendar	Contact details	Location
The Green Man Festival	April, annually	Cllr Kelly & Cllr Evans	Fore Street, Bovey Tracey
The Great Big Green Week	June, annually	Cllr Oldrieve, Cllr Sue Simmons	Mill Marsh Park
Picnic in the Park	June, annually	The Carnival Committee (supported with a Town Council Community Grant)	Mill Marsh Park
The Craft Festival	June, annually	Sarah Jane	Mill Marsh Park
The Bovey Tracey Food & Drink Festival	September, annually	Cllr Corin Burton	Fore Street, Bovey Tracey
Remembrance Sunday	Nearest Sunday to 11th Nov	Rev. Graham Hamilton (supported by the Town Council and other groups)	PPT Church
The Christmas Lights Switch on	Nov/Dec, annually	The Carnival Committee supported by the Town Council & Business for Bovey	Union Square, Fore Street, Bovey Tracey
Vehicle rallies and other events by request*	Throughout the year	Various groups	Mill Marsh Park
Events for Families, Children and Young People	Throughout the year	Supported by Cllr Lisa Robillard Webb and Cllr Sheila Brooke	Mill Marsh Park

*Any group can make an application to hold an event in Mill Marsh Park, please see our website for our Events Policy and contact us to make an application.

Councillor contact details are available on the reverse of this newsletter.



FLORAL AND FESTIVE DISPLAYS

Thank you to all the organisations around Bovey Tracey that support the Town Council's Britain in Bloom competition entries, and thank you to the businesses that support the floral and festive displays in Bovey Tracey annually, through purchasing hanging baskets for shops, Christmas Lights contributions and Christmas Trees.

If you are a business wishing to support our displays, please contact the Town Council offices for an order form.



MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN MAYOR

As Town Mayor I would like to thank everybody involved in providing local events, activities and voluntary services in the parish. We are fortunate to have so many residents who give their time freely to help others.

If you would like to know more about what is available, a helpful volunteer in the Information Centre, based in the library, would be happy to help you.

If you love Mill Marsh Park and would like to get involved in decisions about how the park is developed, please consider joining Friends of Mill Marsh Park. The Friends have a short meeting via Zoom each month and you would be very welcome to join it.

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Lights in Bovey & Heathfield this year. Thank you to businesses for their contribution.

Sheila Brooke, Town Mayor

BOVEY TRACEY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



Business for Bovey (B4B) is the town's business association, run by business for business and supports a range of initiatives around the town (with support from the Town Council), including:

- Development of a business directory Branding initiative
- Best dressed Britain in Bloom Window Display
- Best dressed Halloween Window Display
- Best dressed Christmas Window Display

If you are a business owner or manager that would like to be involved in B4B, please contact its Chair, Cllr Corin Burton (contact details are on the reverse page of this newsletter).



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As your local councillors we have a number of plans afoot for 2025. A community noticeboard will soon be installed near to the shops. Feel free to add your posters for local events and organisations.

We appreciate that not everyone is online and this could be a key way of finding out what is happening in Heathfield. We are determined to get the renovation

of the Prince Rupert Way Playpark underway with a bigger and brighter offering for our local children. The community came together on 11 January to create a plan to open the youth cabins as we know that Heathfield sorely misses a youth service for our young people. We continue to work in supporting the Heathfield Community Centre and with general enquiries from residents.

Flooding is a frequent issue especially on Cannon Road, Old Newton Road and in Little Bovey and we are doing what we can to help solve these ongoing problems.

Always feel free to book a call via 01626 834217 or email us lisa.robillardwebb@boveytracey.gov.uk or hannah.mills-brown@boveytracey.gov.uk

VOLUNTEERS CREATE NEW POCKET WOODLANDS IN BULLANDS FIELD

In a partnership project volunteers planted native trees by the river in Bullands Field, which is owned by the Town Council. The idea came from Friends of Mill Marsh Park (FoMMP) and was supported by Climate Action Bovey Tracey & Heathfield (CABH). Devon Wildlife Trust donated the trees under the Saving Devon's Treescape Scheme. Ben Reynolds provided a demonstration of planting, staking and mulching.

Volunteers of all ages planted the trees. As a result of our volunteers' efforts two woodland corners where the grass will also grow long have been created.

Species included crab apple, hawthorn, silver birch, goat willow, wild cherry, dogwood and field maple.



Ben said: 'There are lots of reasons to plant trees such as supporting wildlife, carbon capture, preventing soil erosion and flood prevention. This is making a difference.'

For more information email sue.simmons@boveytracey.gov.uk

WINTER-SPRING DEADLINES

Town Council Grants Reminder

Grants are considered in April each year and applications must be submitted in advance by March each year to be considered at the April meeting.

Further details can be found under Community Grants on our website.

It's almost time to send nominations for the Community Awards!

Community Awards are made for voluntary community contribution completed in the past year, please kindly give some early consideration to a

person or group that you would like to nominate for:

- Community Champion.
- Environmental Champion
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Honorary representative of the Lord of the Manor (for long-term service to the community)



The official nomination period is open 3rd March 2025 with the Awards presented in March 2025. Further details can be found under Community Grants on our website.

Bovey Tracey Town Council operates and looks after a wide range of community facilities and services including allotments, bus shelters, a cemetery, community centre, public toilets, public open spaces, play areas and community grants. 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 working in partnership with a third party to provide a gym facility, in addition to progressing other projects within its Strategic Plan.

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 and will consider this impact on all decisions. The budget for 2025/2026 has been approved and based on a Council Tax Band D property, will pay £102.53 a year for the services of Bovey Tracey Town Council compared to £93.40 in 2024/25. That's an increase on last year of £9.13 annually per household or 17p a week. This 'precept' amount 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

SERVICES SIGNPOSTING: COST OF LIVING, SUSTAINABILITY, FOOD & WELLBEING

The Methodist Church, Bovey Tracey hosts the **community fridge**, a free of charge food sharing initiative to prevent food waste. For details see www.cabh.org/bovey-community-fridge/

A **social supermarket** in Bovey Tracey; The Methodist Church is working with a Community Interest Company called Better Places to provide the service.

Citizen's Advice Bovey Tracey continues to offer a remote video link advice service on a Tuesday morning 10:00-12:30 from the Methodist Church Hall, Bovey Tracey. The service is funded by a grant from Bovey Tracey Town Council and is open to everyone.

Worrying about Money? Leaflet can be download here https://cd749f59-f81e-4c3c-9548-798a16260bff.usfiles.com/ugd/cd749f_ed76e81378ce4a97a4297d01106766ff.pdf or available from Riverside Community Centre.

Youth & Wellbeing Services useful sites

- www.youngdevon.org/
- www.themix.org.uk/mental-health
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/talk-us-phone/>

If you need information about the cost of living crisis, housing and homelessness, energy and fuel poverty, food, money and debt, health and wellbeing, please refer to a database of support services on Teignbridge District Council's website: www.teignbridge.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-crisis/cost-of-living-help-and-support/

Under 'food' there are links to databases of community fridges, social supermarkets, food banks and other initiatives across South Devon, such as reducing food waste, school meals and healthy start.

For information on organisations that promote sustainability locally, see www.cabh.org.uk/organisations

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Opportunities can be found here www.devonconnect.org/teignbridge



AROUND TOWN

We have a new Town Council noticeboard in Mill Marsh Park. The Skate Park Fencing was repaired in November 2024. Thank you to our contractors!

*A noticeboard for Heathfield will be installed shortly.



Heathfield Youth Service, Youth Cabin, Battle Road
 Planning permission has just been granted for a further two years, when it, will expire and the Youth Cabin will need a new home.



Cyclists Dismount New Signage, Entrance to Mill Marsh Park - A reminder that cyclists MUST dismount at the entrances to Mill Marsh Park. It is an offence to use Electric Scooters in public and on council land, they can only be used on private land. If you see these being used, please report it to the police on 111.



Finger Point Signs Update: Following an application made to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund supported by local businesses, the Town Council was successful in securing a grant to install Finger Point signs, which are designed to help visitors find their way around town.



DOGS WELCOME IN OUR OPEN SPACES:

Recreation Ground:

Public Spaces Protection Order
 Dogs on Lead and Offence to not pick up dog foul.

Mill Marsh Park:

An Offence to not pick up dog foul. Please note no dogs are permitted in the Children's Play Area.

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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, unless otherwise stated.

Mon 3 March	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm
Mon 3 March	Finance, Resources & General Purposes	7pm
Mon 17 March	Full Council	7pm
Mon 26 March	Annual Town Meeting & Community Awards	7pm
Mon 31 March	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm
Mon 31 March	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7pm
Mon 14 April	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm
Mon 14 April	Finance, Resources & General Purposes	7pm
Wed 7 May	Annual Council Meeting	7pm

Hall & Office Hire and Bike Pod 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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