



Community Centre Update



In October, building work finally commenced on the new multi-use Community Centre, which will be built on the site of the Old Thatched Inn, Station Road, Bovey Tracey.

Pending the severity of the weather conditions over the forthcoming winter period, the new centre is scheduled to open in the Summer of 2020, providing a new community resource which will accommodate the Town Council office, Information Centre, Library and Public Toilets. There will also be 4 Incubation Offices available to let for small businesses as well as community meeting space. Cllr George Gribble, Town Mayor said: "This has been a long time coming with a lot of hard work put in by a small number of committed people over recent years, but I'm really pleased that construction has started.

It is hoped that the centre will be widely used by all within the community and will become a hub for accessing a number of services, under one roof".

Via a competitive tendering exercise, the council has chosen to work with 'Devon Contractors' who will be undertaking the construction work and we are excited that they are now on-site and getting the work underway.

Throughout the construction period, Bovey Tracey Library and Bovey Tracey Information Centre are hosting displays of floor plans, building elevations and a detailed Programme of Works. Visitors are welcome (during publicised opening hours) to view the plans and see how the building will look. It is hoped these will remain on display during the entire construction period.

Christmas Carol Service

The annual Civic Carol Service will take place this year at the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th December.

The service will be followed by refreshments served in the Church Room.



Town Council Community Awards

At a Full Council meeting held on 11th November, Town Councillors discussed the introduction of four new community award categories as well as some changes to the existing Council led awards.

The objectives of all the awards are to recognise persons and organisations that go out of their way to improve life in our local community and to have a means of saying a public 'thank you'.

There was a difference of opinion among some councillors about renaming one of the current

awards, and we would like to receive your views on this before finalising which naming option to adopt.

It is proposed that the 'Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor' award title (acquired by the Council in 1984) is renamed as 'Lifetime Voluntary Service Award' to be more illustrative of what the award represents, but that future winners of the award may take up the title of Honorary Representative if they so wish.

We would like your views please on:

- i. whether the award of '**Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor**' be renamed '**Lifetime Voluntary Service Award**', with future award holders taking the title of '**Honorary Representative**' if they wish to do so;
- ii. or whether the award should retain the title of '**Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor**' as now.

The current award of **Young Citizen of the Year** is retained, with the new award categories being:

- **Volunteer/Voluntary Group of the Year**
- **Business of the Year**
- **Good Neighbour of the Year**
- **Environmental Champion of the Year**

Further details of how you can nominate for these awards will be released in the new year.

If you would like to comment please write to or email the Town Clerk with your views (info@boveytracey.gov.uk) alternatively, you can complete the simple survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8FCY6NW>.

All responses to be received by 31st December 2019.

Christmas Lights Switch on

The Christmas Lights switch on will take place this year on Saturday 7th December at approximately 5.00pm. In conjunction with the Carnival Committee, a road closure for the Town Centre area will be applied for, to enable other activities to take place safely on the day.

**Further details will be publicised on
www.boveytracey.gov.uk or www.facebook.com/BoveyTraceyCarnival
nearer the time.**



2019 Britain in Bloom – Bovey Win Gold

South West in Bloom is one of eighteen regional/national competitions that makes up RHS Britain in Bloom, which is the biggest horticultural campaign in Europe.

The aim of the community groups that take part each year is to improve and regenerate local environments and neighbourhoods. This can be through the imaginative planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping, conservation and recycling projects, and to sweep away the eyesores that blight our streets, such as litter, graffiti and vandalism.

Following judging in July this year, the results were announced at the Award Ceremony in Newquay in October. The Town Council were represented by local resident and application lead, Richard Taylor who was delighted to receive the gold award and overall category winner for Bovey Tracey in the Town/City Pennant (South) Category of the Britain in Bloom 2019 competition.

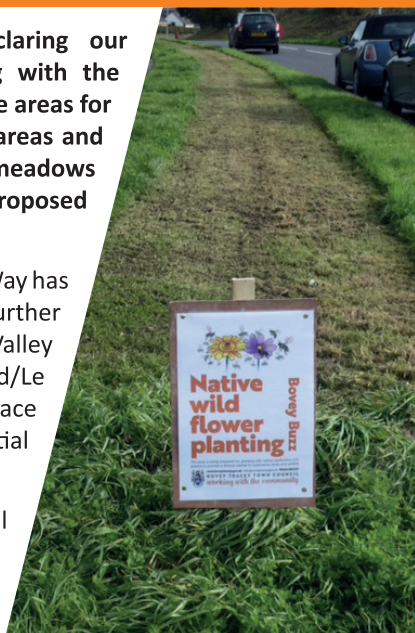


Life on the Verge

Following on from Bovey Tracey Town Council declaring our commitment to Climate Change in July 2019, working with the Community, a sub-group was formed to investigate suitable areas for wildflower planting. The group considered a number of areas and are now at the initial stage to develop small wildflower meadows within our town verges. Four areas have been initially proposed as a trial.

During October, the verge along a section of Le Molay-Littry Way has been prepared and planted, which will expand to include further areas in Spring next year including the verge opposite Mole Valley Farmers in Heathfield, the verge at the corner of Bradley Road/Le Molay Littry Way and the verge opposite Marlborough Terrace (next to the Fire Station). It was felt these were key initial locations in sufficiently high-profile areas of the parish.

It is hoped this initiative will bring wild-flower colour and all of the associated benefits to these areas next year and if successful, we hope to do extra planting as time goes on.



2020/21 Budget Preparation

Bovey Tracey Town Council's Finance, Resources and General Purposes Committee would like to hear your views around the setting of the 2020/21 budget and corresponding precept. Are there services that require additional funding for improvements or are there new schemes or projects within the Parish that are appropriate for consideration for the Town Council's budget? If so, please let us have your views so that these can be considered as part of the budget setting process.

Please email the Town Clerk with your suggestions (info@boveytracey.gov.uk) prior to 20th December.

For your information, a copy of the Council's current Income and Expenditure can be viewed via:
<http://boveytracey.gov.uk/Annual-Accounts/Town-Council/>



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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

9th December 2019

(Planning Committee followed by Recreation, Parks & Property Committee)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

13th January 2020

(Planning Committee, followed by Finance, Resources & General Purposes Committee)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

27th January 2020

(Full Council)
Baptist Church Hall, Hind Street – Bovey Tracey

10th February 2020

(Planning Committee)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

24th February 2020

(Planning Committee followed by Recreation, Parks & Property Committee)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey