



Okehampton Town Council



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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2022

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Coffee Morning in aid of the Ukraine Crisis

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning by providing draw prizes or cakes, helping out or turning up to take part.

Thanks also go to Cllrs Dr Michael Ireland and Jan Goffey who organised the event which was held on 5th March.

The amazing sum of £3,570 was raised and has been sent to the Red Cross. A single donation of £500 has since been received and will be forwarded along with any others.

Easter Trail and Easter Egg Tree

Starting from 4th April in Simmons Park find the hidden wooden birds and complete the trail sheet - available from the Town Hall or downloadable from here.

In the Charter Hall entrance is an Easter Egg tree, colour in an egg and return it to the Town Hall for a chocolate prize. Egg templates available from the Town Hall or from here.



Both trails will be available throughout April.

Mayor Choosing and Town Council Annual Meeting

The event, which like all meetings of the Council is open to the public. It is being held on Wednesday 11th May at 12noon in the Council Chamber or Charter Hall, location to be confirmed.

April Councillor Surgery

The next Councillor Surgery is on Thursday 21st April between 10am and 12noon. Appointments are available either face to face or virtually through Zoom. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the office on 01837 53179 or admin@okehampton.gov.uk.

Clapps Wood Replanting

A lovely mix of over 100 native species including Silver Birch, Sweet Chestnut, Rowan, Oak, Hazel, Hornbeam, Willow, Beech and Oak have been planted in Clapps Wood to replace those that were lost because of Ash-Dieback Disease.

The area remains open to the public to walk through.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



- 2nd June Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council, Lighting of a Beacon at Okehampton show field only
- 3rd June Pavilion in the Park showing the Service of Thanksgiving from St Paul's Cathedral
- 4th June Okehampton Town Council Fields in Trust Day of sports and entertainment in Simmons Park
- 5th June Rotary May Fair in Simmons Park

Mayor's Charity Challenge Update

Why not put your general knowledge to the test and enter the Mayor's Quiz in the Charter Hall on 8th April. For further details or to book contact Abi on admin@okehampton.gov.uk or 01835 53179.

Challenge 1 Completed – North Dartmoor Search & Rescue 'Dogs Body'.

Upcoming challenges include:

- Nail painting – 4th April
- Pruning roses in Simmons Park – 5th April (TBC)
- Hair dying – 5th April (TBC)
- Being a paper boy for Okehampton Times – 16th April
- Milking a Cow



Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control - Simmons Park

From 1st April 2022 dogs will be required to be on a lead in the formal garden area of Simmons Park. This is the area on the Chalet/pond side of the river.

Full details can be [downloaded](#), obtained from the office or by emailing townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk.



Simmons Park Car Park Closure Notice

Please be aware that main parking area will be closed from 6th June until 8am on 13th June for Anderton and Rowland Fair.

Wildflower Verge

The Parks team have been working hard preparing the verge by West Bridge ready for the sowing of the wildflower seeds.



Hanging Basket Competition 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Theme

2nd Annual hanging basket competition for businesses and dwellings located in the Town Centre (Fore Street, Market Street, West Street, George Street, St James Street, East Street, Victorian Arcade and Red Lion Yard).



Entry to the competition is free and judging of the hanging baskets will take place in early July. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.okehampton.gov.uk or collected from the Town Hall. Closing date for entries is 31st May 2022

All plants must be real- any baskets with plastic/silk flowers will not be eligible for a prize.

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Town Council Grants

The Council has a budget of £37,358 this year for the award of grants supporting not-for-profit community organisations and groups for the benefit of the residents of Okehampton. Contact the office for details of how to apply or find them on the [website](#). The following were awarded in February 2022. A full list totalling £30,722.99 can be found in the Annual Report:

Recipient Organisation	Grant (£)	Purpose
Okehampton Army Cadet Force	500.00	Up to the value of £500 for a Gazebo
1 st Okehampton Guides & Rangers	500.00	Transport to camping event
OCRA	500.00	Fields in Trust and Queens Jubilee events
Okehampton Friendship Group	250.00	Room hire, refreshments and entertainment
Okehampton Men's Hockey Club	250.00	Coaching qualification courses
Okehampton Rugby Football Club	500.00	Team kit for junior squad
Cheeky Monkeys Toddler Group	395.00	Craft supplies, snacks, toys and books
Okehampton & Hamlets Twinning Association	500.00	Hosting a visit of representatives from Craon
Okehampton Primary School Parent PTFA	500.00	Purchase of whiteboard and chalk board for external use by pupils and storage sheds
Friends of Okehampton Library	370.48	Cushions for children, sensory items for pre-school sessions

Coming up in April

- 2nd Friendly Circle Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 5th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
- 8th Mayor's Quiz Night (Charter Hall)
- 9th Rotary Club Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 16th Carnival Committee Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 21st Councillor Surgery (Town Hall)
- 23rd Trek 26 Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

May

- 3rd Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates

April

- 4th Parks and Planning Committees
- 11th Full Council, Policy & Resources, Planning Committees
- 25th Full Council

May

- 9th Policy & Resources and Planning Committees
- 11th Mayor Choosing and Annual Council Meeting (12noon in the Council Chamber)

Regular Events

- Tuesdays - Dog Training (Charter Hall)

OkePads

Free Community Training

6th May – 7pm to 9pm, All Saints Church

10th September – 10am to 12noon, Toast Wellness Centre

25th November – 6pm to 8pm, Okehampton Rugby Club

To book or for queries contact
okepads@gmail.com

Council meetings normally start at 7pm and are currently being held in the Charter Hall. Occasionally meetings are subject to change, the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade should be checked for up-to-date information.

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Your Councillors

Cllr Bob Tolley (Town Mayor)
Cllr Deborah Sanger (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Terry Abbots	Cllr Greta Button
Cllr Jan Goffey	Cllr Carole Holt
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Paul Jessop
Cllr Tony Leech	Cllr Christine Marsh
Cllr Brendan Matravers	Cllr Debra Travers
Cllr Julie Yelland	Cllr Ann Wood

Individual Councillors contact details can be obtained from the Office or website.

Okehampton Town Mayor

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 8 April

KO 7:30

Charter Hall

£5 per person

Teams of up to 6 persons

includes Cheese Biscuit & Wine (glass)

To book a table

Email: admin@okehampton.gov.uk

T: 01837 53179

All profits to Mayors Charity

Dream-A-Way

