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Okehampton coming together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Supported by Okehampton United Charity there are a variety of events taking place in Okehampton over the Jubilee weekend.

The events are being provided jointly by local groups and organisations including, Okehampton Town Council, Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council, Okehampton Community Recreation Association and Rotary.

A programme of events can be found on the rear page of this newsletter.

Limited edition water bottles and a souvenir programme will be available to purchase and parking in Simmons Park car park will be free from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June inclusive.

Cllr Bob Tolley Elected Town Mayor for a second year

At the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Choosing Ceremony on Wednesday 11th May Cllr Tolley was elected Town Mayor for a further year, which he accepted with delight, and Cllr Deborah Sanger was re-elected Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Tolley will be continuing to support Dream-A-Way as his chosen charity.

In the photo are Cllrs Tolley and Sanger with the Mace Bearers, Basil Jones on the left, and David Piper on the right.



Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairman for the 2022/23 Mayoral Year are:

Parks Committee

Chairman Cllr Greta Button
Vice-Chairman Cllr Christine Marsh

Planning Committee

Chairman Cllr Paul Jessop
Vice-Chairman Cllr Brendan Matravers

Policy & Resources Committee

Chairman Cllr Julie Yelland
Vice-Chairman Cllr Deborah Sanger

Property Committee

Chairman Cllr Ann Wood
Vice-Chairman Cllr Jan Goffey

Full details can be found on the Council's [website](http://www.okehampton.gov.uk)

Mayors Awards 2021/22

Chrissie Read - In recognition of her work and commitment to the young people of Okehampton

Bill and Olive Hennessey - In recognition of the large contribution they have made keeping the environs of Okehampton and the Okement rivers clean and tidy for the enjoyment of residents



Rodney Woods - In recognition of his hard work in keeping the streets clean and helping to make Okehampton a beautiful place.

Eric Partridge - In acknowledgement of his dedication to the positive reporting of key events in Okehampton through the media



Rebecca Taylor - In recognition of her service to Okehampton Town Council in the role of Mayor's Cadet for the 2021/22 Mayoral Year

Dennis Russell - In recognition of his many years of voluntary work for the Royal British Legion Club.

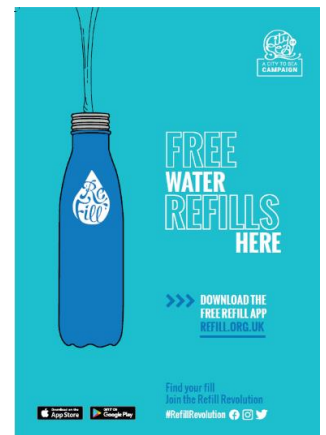
Simmons Park Car Park Closure Notice

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

Refill Scheme

The need for single use plastic can be easily reduced by visiting one of a number of locations in Okehampton where you can refill your empty water bottle free of charge. Details can be found at www.refill.org.uk

All you need to do is look out for a logo in the window of a partaking business and ask for a top up of water.



Did you know that roads and pavements are the responsibility of Devon County Council Highways?

Problems with roads and pavements can be reported directly to DCC Highways through their [website](http://www.dcc.gov.uk) or by ringing them on 0345 1551015.

DCC Highways are also responsible for roadside parking issues, public rights of way, vegetation or trees that have grown onto roads or pavements, traffic lights, road markings, flooded roads, streetlights and grit bins amongst other things. Problems with any of these can be reported through the same link or phone number.

'20 Plenty for Us' Nationwide Campaign

Okehampton Town Council would like to hear your thoughts about a Nationwide Campaign to bring in a 20mph speed limit in places including residential areas.

Let us know what you think by emailing townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk or by dropping a note into the Town Hall, Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1AA.

Town Council Grants

This year, 2022/23, the Council has a budget of £29,000 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 grant application process is being reviewed and could change for future years. Details of any changes will be published as soon as they have been agreed.

In May grants totalling £6,612.50 were approved by the Policy & Resources Committee:

- North Dartmoor Search & Rescue – £500 towards the purchase of a lightweight stretcher and spinal insert.
- Friends of St James' Primary School - £200 towards the purchase cost of bark chippings for the flooring of a living willow dome and tunnel, topsoil for raised beds and a wheelbarrow.
- Okehampton Table Tennis Club - £500 towards the cost of replacement equipment, bats, nets, court surrounds and scoreboards.
- Museum of Dartmoor Life and Tourist Information Facility - £3,500 for support towards the maintenance of the museum and £1,500 to assist with the running of the tourist information facility.
- Friends of Okehampton Polish Naval Camp - £412.50 towards the purchase of a plaque commemorating the role Okehampton played during WWII and after when the town became the location of the Polish Naval Training Camp and a Resettlement Centre.

Coming up in June

- 7th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
11th Volunteering Group Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

July

- 2nd Alzheimer's Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
5th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates

June

- 6th Property Committee
13th Policy & Resources Committee
20th Parks Committee
27th Full Council

July

- 4th Planning Committee (Full)

Meeting dates for the 2022/23 Mayoral Year were agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 11th May and can be found on the [website](#). Some Planning Committee Meetings have been scheduled; others will be convened as they are needed.

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

Council Meetings are relocating to their pre-pandemic location and will be held in the Council Chamber from 6th June.

Charter Hall Roofing Work Update

The project is now not likely to start within the next few months, if at all this year.

There is plenty of availability in the Charter Hall for Saturday Coffee Mornings or other events, please contact the office for details.

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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.



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**Okehampton
United Charities**
Funding for the Community

Thursday 2nd June

The Queen's Jubilee Beacon

Okehampton Showground

Music & Entertainment 7:30 – 10.30 pm

**Beacon lighting - official tributes by a
Piper, Cornet players and Community**

Choir

Refreshments Bar Parking



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Saturday 4th June

Simmons Park

Fields in Trust Sports Day 10am

Service of Thanksgiving 2pm

Tree Dedication 3pm

Opening of the Zip Wire 3:15pm

**Cream teas and performances by
local groups 3:30pm**



Okehampton Town Council

Friday 3rd June

Service of Thanksgiving from

St Paul's Cathedral shown on

OCRA big screens

**Special menu available in the
Pavilion**

Garden games to play outside



Sunday 5th June

Rotary Club of Okehampton

May Fair

11am to 5pm

In Simmons Park

Duck racing with a twist

Stalls from local groups

Refreshments

