



Okehampton Town Council



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Okehampton Carnival

Okehampton Town Council is pleased that the Carnival Committee were able to use Simmons Park this year for the Children's Procession which was judged and led by Cllr Tolley, the Mayor, followed by entertainment at the Bandstand.

Congratulations to the Carnival Committee for their hard work and successful reorganisation of the events.

Remembrance Parade and Service, 13th November 2022

At just after 10am on Sunday 13th November the Parade will form up in Fore Street ready to process to All Saints Church where there will be the reading of the Roll of Honour beside the Memorial. This will commence at approximately 10.50am, followed by an external service. After the service the Parade will march back to Fore Street from where they will be dismissed.

To facilitate the Parade, both to and from All Saints Church, there will be rolling road closures so I would ask that you please be patient for this short time.



CCTV – Phase 2

Installation of the second phase, which will add some additional cameras to the system in the town including North Street and Market Street/School Way will hopefully commence on 5th December.



Councillor Allenton Fisher

I am honoured and excited to be part of Okehampton Town Council. After spending over 20 years in The Royal Navy I retired as a Naval Officer and then spent 25 years running shops and post offices in Lincoln. Jean and I decided to come back home to Devon and enjoyed 10 years at your Okehampton Post Office.

We fell in love with the town before we even lived here, and nothing has happened in the past 18 years to change that. We are extremely lucky to have a most friendly town where the locals mix well with us "Blow Ins" and the community as a whole strives to make it a wonderful place to live. I look forward, as a councillor, to being involved in the continuing development of Okehampton

17th November is the last Councillor Surgery of 2022

Do you have a question or comment to make about the town or perhaps you are interested in becoming a Councillor, either applying to be co-opted now or putting your name forward for the Elections in 2023? If so, why not come along and find out what is involved.

Councillor Vacancies

There are currently three vacancies on the Town Council which will be filled by co-option at a meeting of the Full Council unless a by-election is called.

Not sure if it is for you – why not come to the Councillor surgery on 17th November or speak to the Town Clerk to find out what is involved.



Edwardian Evening
Mayor's seven
Carols at 7pm
St James' Church.
Please come along
and join in.

Christmas Trails

Free trail sheets will be available in early December from the Town Hall council website.



Okehampton EDWARDIAN EVENING

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1ST

6:00-9:00PM



Late Night
Shopping

Traditional
Stalls

Entertainment

If you would like a stall at the event please email everythingokehampton@gmail.com for more information

Save the Charter Hall! Sponsor a slate!

- Where do we hold our Coffee Mornings?
- Our Civic Events?
- Our Social group meetings?
- Drama productions? Lectures? Community activities?

The Charter Hall is our Town 'village hall' and a very valuable Community space.

But it needs our help

- It needs a new roof to stop the rain getting in.
- It needs the ventilation system repairing and rejigging to be more efficient.

This was in the planning when Covid arrived and since then, the costs of the work have doubled. So, we need your help to get this done and enable the Charter Hall to continue to be used and useful to all sectors of our community again.

Will you sponsor a slate as a way of helping the town repair this community asset?

For a minimum donation of £10 your name will be listed as a Benefactor

We need to match fund the sum already set aside for this work, but which is now not enough to cover the costs.

Cash, cheques, and BACS payments are all gratefully received by the Charter Hall Roof Fund and will be added to the earmarked fund for the work.

BACS: **Account Name:** Okehampton Town Council
 Sort Code: 30 98 90
 Account No: **18063468**
 Reference: Please add your name/Roof Fund

So that your name gets added to the list of those who have contributed, please also email your details and confirmation that you are happy for your name to be published to townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk or drop a note into the town hall.

Warm Welcome in Okehampton

The London Inn is offering free hot drinks to anyone who needs to save a bit of money by turning their heating off for a while.

'Come in, keep warm and have a cuppa or two on us. We'll put some board games out.

Between the hours of 12 and 4, Mon to Friday, when it's cold, we'll keep you warm.

Yes, we already offer this service free tea and coffee is available all day during our opening times which is 10am-11/12pm depending on the day of the week. All of this is completely free'

Okehampton Library

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY IS A LIFELINE THIS WINTER

Okehampton Library will be offering so much more than books this winter. It's a warm, welcoming space with free WiFi and computer access, people to chat to, groups and activities. Enjoy a chat with other customers over a FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate, kindly supplied by Waitrose Okehampton, and have a go at our jigsaw puzzle.

As well as being a warm space to sit and read, there are activities too:

- Bounce & Rhyme for under 5's and their carers every Tuesday 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20
- Cuppa & A Chat every Tuesday for adults to enjoy a natter 13:30-15:30
- Duplo storytime for under 5's and their carers every Wednesday 9:45-10:15
- Lego Builders for age 5+ and their carers every Saturday 10:30-11:30

Madewell have taken over what used to be the American Diner on St James Street in Okehampton. They are a community Well-Being Cafe and open from 10am to approximately 4pm Monday to Saturday and are offering a warm space and staff who are trained in outreach work, listening & signposting.

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](#). Grants awarded in October are as follows:

- Get Changed Theatre Company - £300
- Okehampton DofE Open Award Group - £500
- Okement Rivers Improvement Group - £500
- Okehampton Community Transport Group - £1,000
- Wellbeing Café (part of Made-Well CIC) - £500
- Wren Music - £200
- Meldon Viaduct - £500
- Citizens Advice Torridge North Mid & West Devon - £5,000
- Okehampton Carnival Committee - £500

£200 grant check presented by the Mayor to the Friends of St James' School



The grant application process has been reviewed and is changing for forthcoming years. Details can be found on the Council's website or obtained from the Town Hall.

Coming up in November

- 1st Friendly Circle
- 5th Okehampton Friends of Hospicare (Charter Hall)
- 12th Inner Wheel Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 13th Remembrance Parade and Service
- 15th Miss Mandy Dance Lessons (Charter Hall) booking required
- 17th Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)
Councillor Surgery (Town Hall 10am-12noon)
- 18th Abba Tribute Band (Charter Hall)
- 19th Everything Okehampton Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 20th Footsteps Dance Performance (Charter Hall)
- 26th Lions Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 27th Footsteps (Charter Hall)



Cllr Tolley, Mayor, recently met the Okehampton Rugby Club U12s and viewed their new kit which was partly funded by a grant from the Town Council



Town Council Meeting Dates

November

- 6th Property Committee
- 14th Policy & Resources Committee
- 21st Planning Committee
- 28th Full Council



£1,000 Grant cheque presentation to Okehampton & District Transport Group

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 needed.

Council meetings normally start at 7pm and 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.

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Your Councillors

Cllr Bob Tolley (Town Mayor)

Cllr Terry Abbots	Cllr Allenton Fisher
Cllr Jan Goffey	Cllr Carole Holt
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Tony Leech
Cllr Christine Marsh	Cllr Brendan Matravers
Cllr Ann Wood	Cllr Julie Yelland

There are currently three vacancies – please contact the office for details
Individual Councillors contact details can be obtained from the Office or website.