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Okehampton Show

Members of staff attended the show on 10th August alongside colleagues from WDBC. Cllr Fisher, the Town Mayor, and Councillors from both Councils were also in attendance. The Mayor was invited to the Presidents tent for lunch.

Criminal Damage

With anger and sadness a report of criminal damage to the China Girl Tree in Fairplace Sensory Garden was reported to the Police on 11th August. This mindless act has meant the tree, which was donated, has had to be completely removed and will hopefully be replaced later in the year.



Speedwatch Meeting

Tuesday 12th September 6pm in the Charter Hall

Please come along if you would like to join

Livestreaming of Council Meetings

Are you aware that all meetings of the Town Council are now livestreamed and available to watch at any time? The livestreams can be found on the council Facebook page.

Annual Civic Service 17th September

The Annual Council Civic Service is being held this month in Fairplace Church.

Rolling road closures will be in place before and after the service, which is at 10.30am, to allow Councillors and those partaking to process from Fore Street to the Church via East Street and Mill Road and back to Fore Street via George Street after the service.

Hedgehog Highway Project

Did you know that hedgehogs travel up to 2 miles each night to forage for food and meet mates?

So, what can we do to help them make their way safely through our communities avoiding roads where possible? We can make small gaps in our hedges and fences, linking areas together so that they can move around more easily.

Okehampton Town Council is supportive of the Hedgehog Highway Project which aims to highlight their importance and declining numbers and has a few 'highway surrounds' available to purchase from the Town Hall at the cost price of £3.



Town Council Grants

The Policy & Resources Committee considered the first round of applications at a meeting on 19th June. The next round of applications will be considered on 13th November. Details of how to apply can be found on the website or obtained from the office.

Coming up in September

- 5th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
- 6th Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 7th Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 9th Okehampton Community Christmas Fundraiser (Charter Hall 9am)
- 12th Speedwatch Volunteers Meeting (Charter Hall, 6pm)
- 13th Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 14th NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall, 11am)
Councillor Surgery (Town Hall 10am-12noon) Cllrs Holt and Yelland
- 16th Lions Big Breakfast (Charter Hall)
- 17th Civic Service and Parade (Fore Street/Fairplace Church)
- 20th Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 21st Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 23rd Okehampton Community Christmas Fundraiser (Charter Hall 9am)
- 27th Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 28th Clubbercise (Charter Hall, 7pm)
- 30th Coffee Morning and Open Mic (Charter Hall)
Lions 80's night (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates - September

- 4th Parks Committee
- 11th Policy & Resources Committee
- 18th Full Council

Meeting dates for the 2023/24 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.

Simmons Park Volunteer Group

The volunteer group formed to help with some tasks in the park has now got several volunteers.

If you would like to join and help forms are available from the Town Hall, everyone welcome!!

Advance Notice

Simmons Park Carpark will be closed from 15th to 23rd October inclusive for the annual attendance of the Anderton and Rowland Fair.

The Fair will be operational from 18th to 21st October.

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Cllr Christine Marsh (Deputy Mayor)

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Cllr Richard Colman	Cllr Lynne Rogers
Cllr Terry Cummings	Cllr Bob Tolley
Cllr Mike Harding	Cllr Julie Yelland
Cllr Carole Holt	Cllr Simon Weekes
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Ann Wood

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