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## NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2024

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### DCC's Pay and Display On-Street Parking Consultation

The news that DCC have listened to councils, residents, businesses and other interested people, and axed plans to implement pay & display charging for on-street parking in Okehampton and other towns across Devon has been received with relief by the Council.

Okehampton Town Council thanks all those who have worked hard to raise the profile of this issue within the town, in particular the Cubby Hole and those people associated with the business.

### Okehampton and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan

Members of the public are welcome to attending the hearing which will be at 10am on 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Town Hall and will be livestreamed through the Council Facebook page.

### Councillor Vacancy

Following a resignation due to business pressures the applications for co-option to the North Ward are invited.

#### Not sure if the role is for you?

Come along to a meeting of the Council and see how it works or pop into the office in the Town Hall and have a chat with the Clerk or members of staff.

Further information can be obtained from the Town Hall or the website.

**Closing date: 12noon Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

Applications will be considered by Full Council at a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May.



## WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

### OKEHAMPTON TOWN AND HAMLETS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

West Devon Borough Council hereby gives notice of a public hearing relating to the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan submitted for examination under Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

A copy of the submitted neighbourhood plan is available via the following link: <https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/okehampton>

The independent examiner of the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan, John Slater BA, DMS, MRTPI, FRGS, having read the plan, supporting documents and representations, has considered it is necessary to call a Hearing under the provisions of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

The Hearing will commence at **10.00 am on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at:**

**The Town Hall, Fore Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AA.**

It should be noted that any member of the public may attend the hearing, however, only specific persons, at the examiners discretion, may make oral representation, in accordance with Paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Further updates regarding the examination of the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan, including in respect of the hearing, will be available via the following link: <https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/okehampton>



### Easter Trail in Simmons Park

Trail sheets for Simmons Park are available from the Town Hall or online on the Council's website [www.okehampton.gov.uk](http://www.okehampton.gov.uk)

Bring the completed sheets to the Town Hall for a chocolate prize.



JOIN OKEHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL  
FOR A MEETING OF THE RESIDENTS

**OKEHAMPTON  
ANNUAL TOWN  
ASSEMBLY**

GUEST SPEAKERS

I) A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE NEW  
RAILWAY STATION

II) DARTMOOR'S DYNAMIC LANDSCAPES  
PROJECT

**LARGE HALL OF  
THE OCKMENT  
CENTRE**

**MONDAY  
8TH  
APRIL  
2024  
7PM**

TOWN HALL FORE STREET OKEHAMPTON EX20 1AA  
[TOWNCLERK@OKEHAMPTON.GOV.UK](mailto:TOWNCLERK@OKEHAMPTON.GOV.UK)  
[WWW.OKEHAMPTON.GOV.UK](http://WWW.OKEHAMPTON.GOV.UK)

# OREHAMPTON TOWN YOUTH COUNCIL

THE YOUTH COUNCIL IS  
BEING CREATED TO GIVE  
YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE, A  
CONNECTION TO THEIR  
TOWN AND EACH OTHER.

APPLICATIONS  
NOW OPEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.OREHAMPTON.GOV.UK](http://WWW.OREHAMPTON.GOV.UK)

**APPLICATION CLOSING  
DATE 26TH APRIL**



## Okehampton Town Council is asking for your views about the putting facility in Simmons Park

The Council is applying for grant funding, which can only be used on projects within Simmons Park for recreational purposes, to improve the putting facility directly outside of Parklands Leisure Centre. A local charity has kindly offered assistance with this potential project should it go ahead.



A suggestion is that a new course could be based on Okehampton and surrounding area landmarks – for example the Castle, Meldon Dam and the Town Hall. The scheme would be sympathetic to the natural look of the park and local area whilst making it accessible for all as a low cost family activity, see photos as an example of what it does and could look like.

If the scheme gets the go ahead, there may be an opportunity for businesses to sponsor a hole, if you think this is something you think you may be interested in, please get in contact with us.

What do you think? Please let us know by dropping into the Town Hall to chat or pass us your thoughts writing, or emailing [townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk)



## A Ballot for Okehampton Business Improvement District

The Okehampton business community is set to have its say later this year on whether it wants to create a Business Improvement District (BID).

A BID is a business-led structure, in a defined area in which all eligible business rate payers pay into a funding pot to develop projects that will benefit businesses in the local area. The businesses choose the projects and decide how the money is spent in the town.

A BID could lead to new community events, improved marketing opportunities and other projects to help the town's businesses. Further information can be found on [WDBC's website](#).



## Coming up in April

- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Assembly (Ockment Centre, 7pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Okehampton and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan Hearing (10am, Town Hall)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Councillor Surgery (Town Hall, 2pm-4pm)

## Town Council Meeting Dates - April

- 15<sup>th</sup> Policy & Resources Committee
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Full Council

Meeting dates for 2023/24 and 2024/25 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 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street. Occasionally meetings are subject to change, details can be found on the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

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### Your Councillors

Cllr Allenton Fisher (Town Mayor)  
Cllr Christine Marsh (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Laura Bird	Cllr Tony Leech
Cllr Richard Colman	Cllr Mark Richards
Cllr Terry Cummings	Cllr Lynne Rogers
Cllr Carole Holt	Cllr Bob Tolley
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Simon Weekes
VACANCY	Cllr Julie Yelland