



Okehampton Town Council



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## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2025

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**Councillor Vacancy** Following a resignation in 2024, there is a Councillor vacancy on the Town Council. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be considered for co-option, information and forms are available on the website.

### Okehampton Youth Council



A page on the Town Council's website for the Youth Council is in the process of being developed.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Council or can assist in any way, please email [youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk](mailto:youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk) or contact us through the council office.

A free first aid course run by Joe Rice for those between 7 and 18 years of age is being hosted by the Youth Council on 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Charter Hall.

Places are limited and must be booked in advanced by emailing the youth council or calling 01837 53179.

### Okehampton Town Council Cemetery

Please note that Christmas wreaths and other related items will be removed by Town Council staff during the last week of January.

The Scattering Lawn located within the Council Cemetery is now available for use, details can be found on the website. To book please contact the office or email [cemetery@okehampton.gov.uk](mailto:cemetery@okehampton.gov.uk).

### Finance Officer



Mrs Tracey Bryant is joining the Council team of staff on 6<sup>th</sup> January as the new Finance Officer.

Tracey can be contacted at [accounts@okehampton.gov.uk](mailto:accounts@okehampton.gov.uk).



**JOE RICE  
FIRST AID  
TRAINING**

**FREE First Aid Workshop  
For Children Aged 7+  
At The Charter Hall, Okehampton**



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**2.30pm – 4pm**

To find out more or to book a place please contact Okehampton Youth Council - [youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk](mailto:youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk) or 01837 53179

[www.joericefirstaid.com](http://www.joericefirstaid.com)

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## Edwardian Evening and the Mayor's Carol Service

Despite the weather Edwardian Evening went ahead as did the Mayor's Carol Service which was moved into St James' Chapel.

## Okehampton Library

The Cold Days, Warm Libraries campaign is back to warm up communities this winter. With the cost-of-living crisis continuing and a challenging winter ahead, we're reminding communities that libraries are warm, welcoming spaces with plenty going on beyond borrowing books. The campaign launched in October and runs until March 2025. Offering warm spaces, free Wi-Fi, computer access, friendly faces and somewhere to chat and connect with others - plus lots of fun activities for all ages.



**Town Centre Business Grant Initiative** - This grant will enable businesses to apply for funding to spruce up their shop fronts which will improve the overall look of the town centre. WDBC have added to this grant pot by providing double the funds, increasing the amount available within the budget to £8,688.

This funding has to be spent before the end of March, so businesses are encouraged to apply for funding as soon as possible. Please see the council website for information.

## Coming up in January

- **Mondays** - Mental Health Drop-in Sessions, Charter Hall 10am-1pm
  - **Tuesdays** – West Devon Folk Choir, Charter Hall
  - **Mondays and Wednesdays** – Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
  - **Thursdays** - Ballroom and Latin American Dancing, Charter Hall
  - **Saturdays** – Parkrun, 9am Simmons Park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)  
4<sup>th</sup> Courtney Players Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)  
11<sup>th</sup> Trek 26 Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)  
16<sup>th</sup> NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)  
18<sup>th</sup> Concert in aid of Pete's Dragons (Charter Hall)  
29<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Courtney Players performances (Charter Hall)

## Town Council Meeting Dates

Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings and have the opportunity to address the council. Alternatively, meetings are livestreamed through the council Facebook page where they are available to view.

### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> Full Council at 6.30pm followed by Policy & Resources Committee  
20<sup>th</sup> Full Council (including budget and precept setting for 2025/26)  
27<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee

Meeting dates for 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 added or subject to change, details can be found on the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

### Contact Us – 01837 53179

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### Your Councillors

Cllr Allenton Fisher (Town Mayor)  
Cllr Richard Colman (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Laura Bird	Cllr Christine Marsh
Cllr Terry Cummings	Cllr Mark Richards
Cllr Frankee Hart	VACANCY
Cllr Carole Holt	Cllr Bob Tolley
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Simon Weekes
Cllr Tony Leech	Cllr Julie Yelland