



Okehampton Town Council



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Okehampton Youth Council

Last year the Youth Council joined council staff at Okehampton Show and played 'splat the councillor'. Come and find them to find out what they have been doing in the last 12 months at this year's show which is on 14th August.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Council, please email youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk or contact us through the council office



Operation Dartmoor: Mysterious creatures of the river



Thursday 21st August 1.30pm
at Simmons Park, Okehampton



Join the National Park team at Simmons Park to discover what wild creatures live beneath the surface of the river.

The National Park team will be running a family friendly afternoon of river dipping and an activity to create your own arty creatures to take away.

Bring wellies or rock shoes– children to be supervised by their adult at all times

Meet at the Dartmoor National Park Gazebo in Simmons Park. Event is FREE and starts at 1.30pm so please arrive promptly. More details contact Andy abailey@dartmoor.gov.uk

Organised by Dartmoor National Park Authority and supported by Okehampton Town Council

Green Flag Community Award 2025/26

For the second year running Simmons Park is delighted to have achieved the above award. The flag, photo above, was raised on 22nd July by the Mayor and Park-Keeper.

BMX/Pump Track Completion and Official Opening

Although the BMX Track looks finished it needs a week to settle and an inspection to be carried out before it can be used.

As soon as the checks have been completed it will be opened for use by the Mayor.



Town Council Grant Applications Invited by 29th August

Okehampton Town Council has a budget for the award of grants supporting not-for-profit community organisations and groups to the benefit of the residents of Okehampton. The next round of applications will be considered in the autumn.

Grant applications must meet the criteria set out in the Grants Policy and applications for small grants only (not exceeding £500) must be made on the Town Council's application form which can be obtained from the office or the website. Completed applications should be returned to the Finance Officer (accounts@okehampton.gov.uk) by 29th August. Please ensure you read the policy and procedure before submitting a grant request.

Okehampton Cemetery, Headstone Inspections Annual safety inspections of the headstones in the Council owned Cemetery adjacent to All Saints Church will take place in August. Should you have any concerns about this, please get in touch with the Council.

Facilities Officer

The Council is due to welcome a new member of staff to the team in August. The role encompasses the maintenance and health & safety of the council's buildings and bookings for their hire. Rosi will be contactable at facilities@okehampton.gov.uk.

Coming up in August

- **Mondays: FREE** 30 minute Yoga Session, 10am Charter Hall (initially for 4 weeks 28 July, 4th, 11th and 18th August)
- **Mondays and Wednesdays:** Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
- **Wednesdays:** Simmons Park Volunteer Group, 11am-12.30pm
- **Saturdays:** Parkrun, 9am Simmons Park
- 1st NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)
- 3rd Rotary Summer Fair (Simmons Park)
- 5th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
- 21st Operation Dartmoor (Simmons Park)
- 23rd Cajun Day (Charter Hall)
- 29th NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)
- 30th Girl Guiding Coffee Morning (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.

August

4th Planning Committee

Meeting dates for 2025/26 can be found on the [website](https://www.okehampton.gov.uk). 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](https://www.okehampton.gov.uk) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

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Your Councillors

Cllr Richard Colman (Town Mayor)
Cllr Laura Bird (Deputy Mayor)

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| Cllr Terry Cummings | Cllr Christine Marsh |
| Cllr Allenton Fisher | Cllr David McNeill |
| Cllr Frankee Hart | Cllr Mark Richards |
| Cllr Carole Holt | Cllr Bob Tolley |
| Cllr Dr Michael Ireland | Cllr Simon Weekes |
| Cllr Tony Leech | Cllr Julie Yelland |

Contact details available from the website or council office