



Okehampton Town Council



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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2025

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Okehampton Youth Council

The Youth Council had a busy October.



Youth Councillors took part in the Civic Parade and Service, attended a public speaking workshop hosted by a member of the community and visited the Police Station.



Unfortunately, planned presentations at Okehampton College assemblies were postponed to early 2026.

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

Lloyds Bank Closure - Okehampton

Lloyds Bank have announced their intention to close the Okehampton Branch in March 2026.

An extra ordinary meeting of the Council was held on 13th October to consider this, a Cash Analysis Impact Assessment carried out by LINK, correspondence from the Head of Banking at LINK and Sir Mel Stride MP. This information suggested that indicated a cash access service should be provided before the branch could shut.

The Council is objecting and is requesting that a banking hub be provided before the branch closes and has invited a representative from Lloyds to council meeting to explain their reasoning.

Remembrance Parade and Service

This annual event is taking place on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November. The Parade route is Fore Street, Market Street, Upcott Hill, Vicarage Road to All Saints Church, and returns to Fore Street following the service.

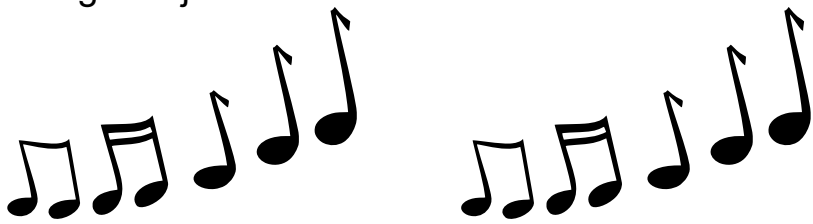
Please be advised there will be a short time when the relevant roads will be closed for to allow the procession to safely get to and from the Church.



(Photograph from 2022)

Mayor's Carols and Edwardian Evening

At 6pm on Edwardian Evening, 4th December, the Mayor will be hosting the singing of some festive carols outside of St James' Chapel. The Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band will be accompanying the singing of the carols. Do come along and join in.



Christmas Car Parking

From Monday 1st December until Thursday 1st January 2026 (inclusive) Okehampton Town Council are offering free parking in [Simmons Park Car Park](#) Monday to Friday from 12noon, all day Saturdays and Bank Holidays.

WDBC are offering free parking after 3pm on Thursday and Fridays from 1st to 26th December in [Mill Road Car Park](#).

Shop Local

Where possible please do your shopping locally to support the town's lovely shops and businesses.

Free Simmons Park Christmas Trail

Starting on 1st December the council is offering a free to all Christmas Trail in Simmons Park. The information sheets will be available from the Town Hall, the book swap in

Simmons Park (the phone box), or downloadable from the website.



Civic Service

The Council was joined by Vice Lord-Lieutenant Rear Admiral Chris Snow CBE and representatives from DCC, WDBC, nearby town and parish councils, local groups and organisations for the Annual Mayor's Civic Service on 12th October.



This year the service was held at All Saints Church, who the Council thanks for their hospitality. The collection will be shared between the Church and the Mayor's Charity, Rock to Recovery.



Thank you to all those who assisted in some way or took part in the parade, including the Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band who led the Parade.

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£75pw

+ Utilities and rates

Lower Market Street,
Okehampton, EX20 1HN

- 1ST FLOOR SPACE
- LIGHT, AIRY OFFICE OR THERAPY ROOM APPROX 5.5X4.5M
- RECEPTION/ANTE ROOM WITH KITCHENETTE APPROX 5X3M
- 12 MONTH MINIMUM LEASE



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Expressions of Interest by 05/11/25

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Coming up in November and December

- **Mondays and Wednesdays:** Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
- **Tuesdays:** West Devon Folk Choir, Charter Hall
- **Saturdays:** Parkrun, 9am Simmons Park

November

- 1st Okehampton Community Christmas Fundraising Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 4th Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
- 8th Friendly Circle Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 15th Mayor's Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 21st Come and write a letter to Santa (Charter Hall)
- 23rd Tapathon in aid of Children in Need (Charter Hall)
- 29th Rotary Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

December

- 2nd Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
- 4th Edwardian Evening College PTFA Event (Charter Hall)
- 6th Okehampton Community Christmas Fundraising Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 13th Santa's Breakfast (Charter Hall)
- 14th Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band Concert (Charter Hall)
- 19th NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)
- 20th Carnival Committee 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.

November

- 3rd Policy & Resources Committee (Grants)
- 10th Property Committee
- 17th Parks Committee
- 24th Full Council

December

- 1st Committee Budget Meetings
- 8th Policy & Resources Committee
- 15th Full Council

Meeting dates for 2025/26 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.

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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

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