



Okehampton Town Council



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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2026

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ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY



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Monday
16th March

CHARTER HALL, MARKET STREET,
OKEHAMPTON



7PM

COULD YOU HELP WITH A
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN?
COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW FROM
DEVON COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



Devon Communities
Together

HISTORY PRESENTATION
BY JAN GOFFEY

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Notice of Co-option for a Town Councillor

Okehampton Town Council has a Councillor vacancy on the North Ward and which it now intends to fill by Co-option.

Applicants should contact the Town Clerk for information and the application form which can also be downloaded from the website.

The casual vacancy will be filled by co-option at a meeting of the Council at 7pm on Monday 23rd March 2026.

Closing date for applications is 5pm Thursday 19th March 2026.

Local Government Reorganisation

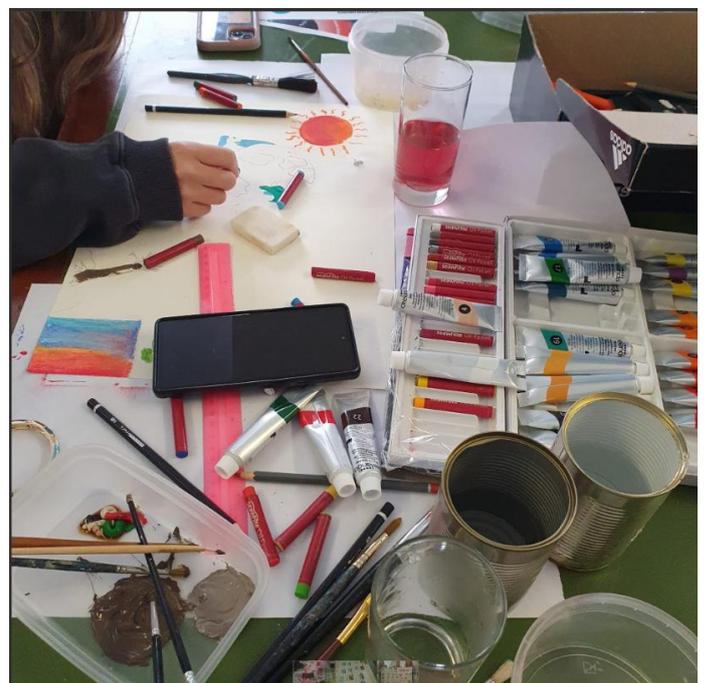
Proposals for Devon are now out for consultation, with five alternative models for consideration. The proposals can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-devon-plymouth-and-torbay/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-devon-plymouth-and-torbay>

The deadline for responses is 26th March 2026

Okehampton Youth Council

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

During half term a Climate Change Workshop was held for the Youth Council by a member of the public, who is thanked for her support and for running this event. Art work created will hopefully be displayed at an event in County Hall, Exeter on 28th March.



Coffee Morning Availability - Charter Hall

The Saturday coffee morning discounted rate for local not-for-profit groups and organisations is just £36 for the morning, 8.30am to 12.30pm.

To book please visit the website www.okehampton.gov.uk, contact the office on 01837 53179 or email facilities@okehampton.gov.uk

Promise School Fire

Okehampton Town Council is deeply saddened to hear about the devastating fire at the Promise School. Our heartfelt thoughts are with all those affected - the students, their families, teachers, support staff, and the wider school community.

We recognise how distressing this incident will be for everyone connected to the school, and we commend the swift response of the emergency services who worked tirelessly to bring the situation under control.

Our sincere best wishes go out to the Promise School community as they begin to manage the impact of this incident.



Okehampton Town Council Grants 2026/27

The application process has changed for the 2026-27 financial year, the details of which can be found within the Grants Policy.

Grants over £400 will be considered by the Policy & Resources Committee in June 2026 and applications for smaller amounts at meetings throughout the year.

Details of how to apply can be found on the [website](#) or from the office in the Town Hall.

Applications for a large grant must be submitted by 1st May 2026 to accounts@okehampton.gov.uk

Approved Contractor Scheme

We are compiling a register of Contractor's and Skilled People from the local area who are interested in working with OTC assisting with regular upkeep and/or getting involved with our upcoming projects.

Please request an application form from the Town Hall or by email to facilities@okehampton.gov.uk



Coming up in March

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

March

- 1st Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band (Charter Hall)
- 3rd Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
- 7th Hospisecare Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 14th Trek 26 Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 16th Annual Town Assembly (Charter Hall)
- 21st Community Garden Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
- 28th Hedgehogs 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.

March 2026

- 2nd Policy & Resources Committee
- 16th Annual Town Assembly
- 23rd Full Council
- 30th Planning Committee

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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Expressions of Interest by 05/11/25
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Cllr Laura Bird (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Terry Cummings

Cllr Allenton Fisher

VACANCY

Cllr Carole Holt

Cllr Dr Michael Ireland

Cllr Tony Leech

Cllr Christine Marsh

Cllr David McNeill

Cllr Mark Richards

Cllr Bob Tolley

Cllr Simon Weekes

Cllr Julie Yelland

Contact details available from the website
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