



ROSS-ON-WYE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Life saving equipment installed thanks to Town Council grant

Thanks to funding from the Ross-on-Wye Town Council grants scheme and Herefordshire Community Foundation, Ross Tennis Centre has recently installed an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at its pavilion. The AED is available for use by members of the public if someone nearby has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest.

A grant of £1,000 was given by Ross Town Council, and a separate grant of £549 from Herefordshire Community Foundation, which covered the entire cost of the AED and its installation.

The unit is located in a locked cabinet on the outside of the pavilion, the code for which will be provided when needed by West Midlands Ambulance Service following a 999 call.

Grants of up to £1000 are available from Ross-on-Wye Town Council to help promote or improve the community. Any individual, charity, voluntary group or community organisation may apply.

Ross-on-Wye Town Council is committed to encouraging community development and aims to work closely with organisations and groups by financially supporting projects that benefit local residents.

Applications are invited from any local organisation for specific events, projects or equipment. Please contact admin@rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk or visit: www.rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/ and click grants



Planting a tree for the Jubilee

The Mayor, Cllr John Winder, planted a tree at the Prospect on Friday 11th March as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. The tree that was planted was a *Platanus Acerifolia* London Plane, which we understand to be one of the Queen's favourite trees.

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC encourages planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.



New town maps installed

The new Ross-on-Wye town maps have now been installed in the Town Council notice boards located in the car parks at Wilton Road, Edde Cross Street, Red Meadow, King's Acre and in The Maltings. We are really pleased with the final design which focuses on the town's key points of interest and the notice board frames are 100% eco-friendly, using wood-effect recycled plastic on a stainless-steel construction. This means they will have a much longer lifespan than traditional wooden frames which is a positive investment for the town and supports the council's sustainability policy.



Changes to Rope Walk play park



A new swing set has been installed at the Rope Walk, alongside the existing play park. Completely funded by the Town Council, we felt it was important to cater for those slightly older children who are unable to use the current play park. The set includes two standard swings and one bucket swing, and is the first new addition to the park area. A climbing frame will be installed in the coming months. The frame includes a climbing net, climbing wall, ladders and climbing ropes. The frame has been made possible thanks to a 'Green Spaces' grant administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation, and match funded by the Town Council. Two new benches, which are accessible for wheelchair users, have also been installed in the area.

Funding boost for Ross-on-Wye War Memorial

The Ross-on-Wye District war memorial, based in the Prospect, has benefited from a grant of £1,780 from the Grants for War Memorials scheme supported by Historic England.

The money has helped to restore this beautiful and important memorial to its former glory. Work included stone cleaning of the memorial, careful removal of defective/loose mortar from the memorial's construction joints, repointing of the memorial's construction joints with an appropriate lime mortar, careful removing of defective paint from lead lettering and re-painting of lettering using an appropriate enamel paint in colour to match the existing lettering. Ross-on-Wye Town Council were keen for the war memorial refurbishment to be completed in time for when the town hosts the Herefordshire Armed Forces Day event. This was originally due to take place in 2021 at the same time as the Royal British Legion (RBL) and the Ross and District Branch of the RBL celebrated 100 years. However, due to the pandemic these events were postponed until 2022, which means the refurbishment will be done in time for the Armed Forces Day celebrations on Saturday 25th June.

Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said: "War memorials are touchstones to our past. Preserving them maintains the link between those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and later generations who benefit from the freedoms for which they fought. War memorials also remind us of the full cost of war so we can hopefully learn the lessons which help us avoid conflict, and further loss, in future. War Memorials Trust is pleased to assist this project to improve the condition of the war memorial. If anyone knows of any other war memorials in need of help, please contact us or, if you believe in the importance of our work, support us as we are a charity so can only give further grants if we raise enough money."

Charlotte Reynolds, Community Development Officer at Ross-on-Wye Town Council, said: "We are delighted with the results of restoring this important

memorial, and are thankful to the Grants for War Memorials for helping to make this happen. It is an important part of the history of Ross and is a focal point for many commemorative events. In 2020 the Town Council signed the Armed Forces Covenant and is committed to preserving the memory of those who gave their lives in conflicts."



Street Party Grants

Are you planning to hold a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? Ross Town Council is offering 10 grants of up to £100 to help mark this special occasion.

For an application form email admin@rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk Deadline for applications is 29th April.

Upcoming events

- 30th April - 1st May** - Ross Beer & Cider Festival, Ross Rowing Club
- 22nd May - 28th August** - Bands in the Park, The Bandstand, Caroline Symonds Gardens
- 20th June** - Armed Forces Day Flag raising, Market House
- 25th June** - Herefordshire Armed Forces Day, Ropewalk
- 17th July** - Proms in the Park, The Bandstand, Caroline Symonds Gardens
- 6th August** - Ross Town Carnival
- 26th - 28th August** - Olliefest, Ross Rugby grounds
- 27th - 29th August** - Ross Regatta, Ross Rowing Club

Platinum Jubilee events

- 30th April - 12th June** - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail, Ross Town Centre
 - 30th May - 6th June** - Art Exhibition, St Mary's Church
 - 2nd June**
 - 10am-12:25pm - Live screening of **Trooping the Colour**, St Mary's Church
 - 2pm - **Town Crier**, The Market House
 - 2pm-4pm **Afternoon Tea Dance** with Ross-on-Wye Town Band, St Mary's Church
 - 7pm - 9pm - **Celebration Spectacular** music concert, St Mary's Church
 - 9.35pm - 10pm - **The Piper & Lighting of the Beacon**, The Prospect
 - 3rd June**
 - 10am-1pm - Live screening of the **Service of Thanksgiving** from St Paul's Cathedral, St Mary's Church
 - 4th June**
 - 1pm-3pm - **Teddy Bear's Picnic & Wye Valley River Festival**, St Mary's Church gardens
 - 7pm - 10pm - **Ross Platinum Festival**, The Bandstand, Caroline Symonds Gardens
 - 5th June** - 11am - **Ecumenical 'Songs of Praise' Church Service**, St Mary's Church
- If you are planning an event for the Jubilee please let us know so we can include them in Ross-on-Wye's full events schedule for the town*

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