



ROSS-ON-WYE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Who's Who - meet your new Town Councillors

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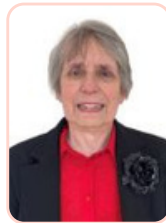
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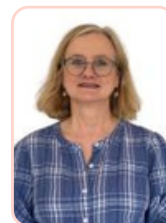
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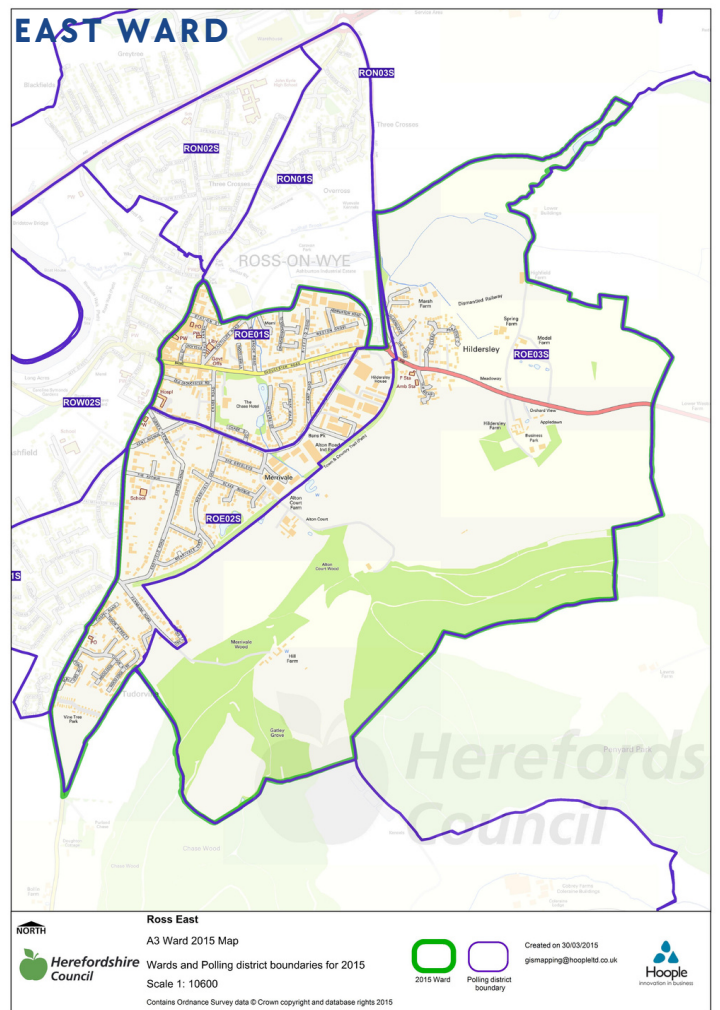
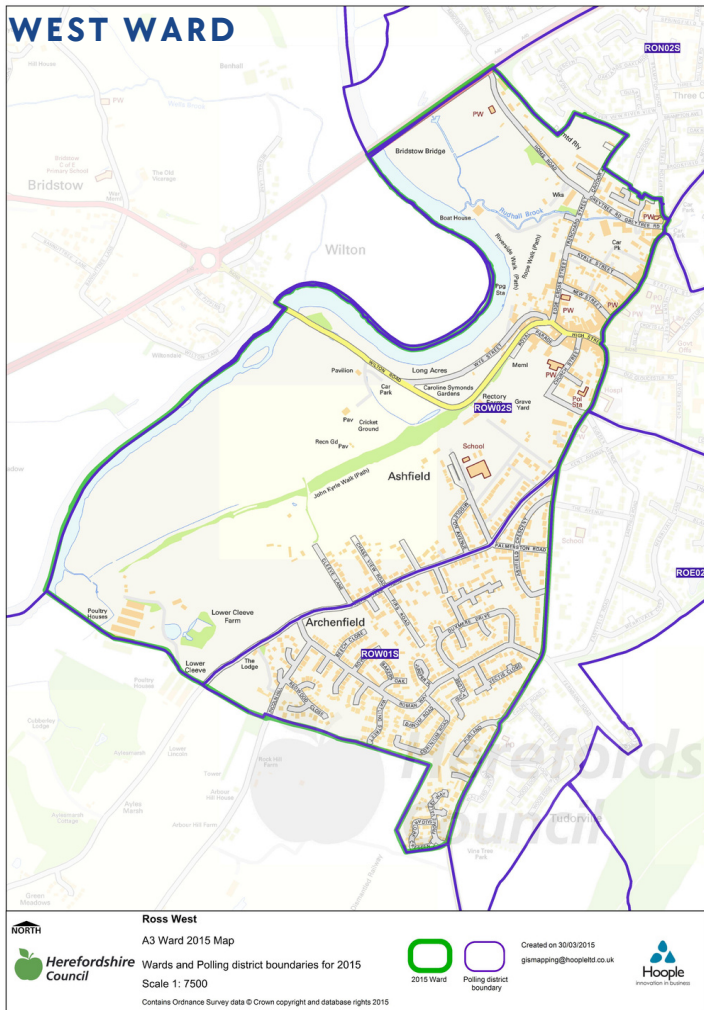
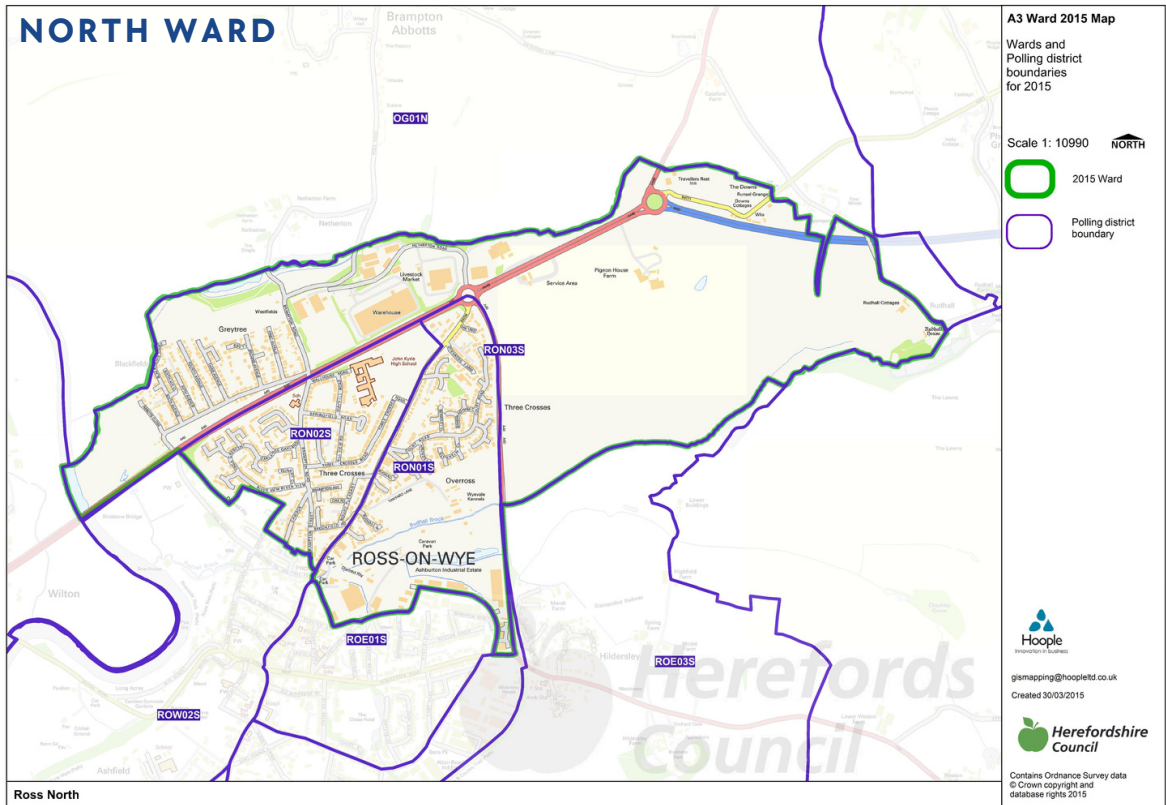
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Parish wards



Meet your Mayor, Cllr Louis Stark



At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 15th May, Cllr Louis Stark was voted as Mayor of Ross-on-Wye for 2023/24. Cllr Stark has selected EnviroAbility as his charity of the year to support. Cllr Bev Pope was voted as Deputy Mayor.

Council shows continued commitment to improving biodiversity



Ross-on-Wye Town Council has undertaken a project to rejuvenate the 'Scout Badge' bed next to the Tennis Centre. The bed has been planted with purple lavender, supplied by our regular Market Trader, Barbers Bridge Nursery and Florist, and the surround has seen a refreshing coat of white paint. These colours were chosen as they are the colours of the World Scout emblem. It is anticipated that the lavender will be a rich source of nectar for bees and insects and help with the Town Council's commitment to improve biodiversity within the town.

STAFF CHANGES

AMENITIES SUPERVISOR



Dan Cummings

I have been working for the Town Council since 2018. I have found the job extremely rewarding and have particularly enjoyed meeting people and working in some of our beautiful green spaces. Recently I was promoted to Amenities Supervisor, a role I have enjoyed so far. I am looking forward to any new challenges that may be presented to me in the future.

AMENITIES OPERATIVE



Mike Turner

Coming from an engineering/construction background, and having lived in Ross-on-Wye for the last 15 years, it was with pleasure to be offered the role of Amenities Operative in December 2022 with the Town Council. It is quite rewarding that in a small way I am contributing to the community I live.

OPERATIONS MANAGER



Duncan Rowe

I moved to this beautiful part of the world, from Berkshire where I managed a large Local Government contract covering 5 Service sectors. I have worked within Local Government for over 35 years and have a background in horticulture & greenspace management, arboriculture along with waste / cleansing operational management and facilities management. So why did I want to come to the Town Council? I feel the Operations Managers role will be challenging at the same time being very rewarding.

TOWN CENTRE CLEANSING OPERATIVE



Pete Jones

I moved to Ross-on-Wye around 20 years ago and now live just outside of the town. I enjoy working in the open space and within the community. I am pleased to be working for the town and the people who live here, and to help keep Ross-on-Wye clean and tidy.

Helping to enhance Ross-on-Wye town centre

Ross-on-Wye Town Council are delighted to announce the addition of a Town Centre Cleansing Operative to the team. You may spotted the new team member, Pete Jones, out and about around the heart of the town already. Pete will provide additional resources to all areas of the Town Council, in particular the Town Centre and the surrounding area ensuring that the cleanliness of our Town is maintained to a high standard. Pete will be a visible presence and a focal point, especially on market days and weekends and is an integrated part of our approach to managing key spaces as centres for our community and visitors. The new Town Centre Operative will have specified daily routes to make sure that standards are boosted in areas of the town centre, this will include on-going deeper cleansing of shopping areas and town 'gateways'. Operations Manager, Duncan Rowe, said: "It is hoped that Pete will help foster a culture of ownership from members of the public, shop owners, and traders,



all of which will contribute enhancement of the town centre image and cleanliness. This proactive engagement will actively address the issue at source and over time improve and reduce the litter within the 'Heart of Ross'. This will raise the current standards provided by the existing Herefordshire County Council contract and ensure that these areas are maintained in line with the local needs and ambitions of the Town Council."

A souvenir to remember a moment in history



Ross-on-Wye Town Council were delighted to gift the children in the Town Council Parish's schools a mug to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Communities, Markets and Tourism Sub-Committee wanted to provide a souvenir to all the children attending the primary schools and nurseries in the Town Council parish to commemorate the Coronation and to remind them of this historical event in years to come. Pupils at Abacus 2000, Ashfield Park Primary School,

Brampton Abbotts C of E Primary School, Ross Pre School Playgroup, Spring Gate Nursery and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School all received their commemorative mugs a week before the coronation weekend from the former Mayor of Ross-on-Wye, Cllr Ed O'Driscoll.

The mugs were purchased from a company from Ukraine called Berkeley Studio that had relocated to North Herefordshire last year due to their production shop being destroyed in the War.

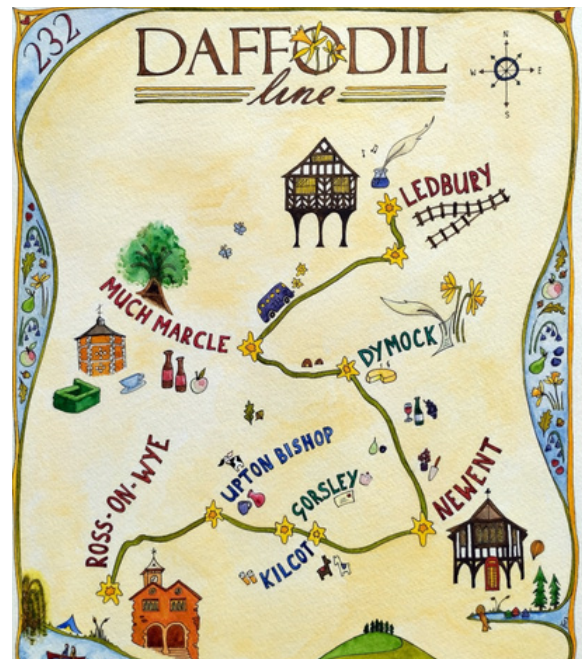
New bus service launched after successful funding campaign

A new bus service running from Ledbury to Ross-on-Wye via Much Marcle, Dymock, Newent, Gorsley and Upton Bishop launched on Sunday 2nd April thanks to funding from Ross-on-Wye Town Council and other local supporters.

The 232 Daffodil Line bus service runs every 2 hours, 7 days a week and provides an evening service on Friday and Saturday.

The Daffodil Line has come into force following a successful campaign from the Buses4Us group after the decision to axe bus services in the area which left many people isolated and unable to travel to school and work.

Ross-on-Wye Town Council has supported the group in their efforts and has budgeted a £26,000 contribution to support the reintroduction of a regular bus service between Ross, Ledbury and Newent.



Bands in the Park to return this summer

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
EVERY SUNDAY FROM 2.30PM - 4.30PM
THE BANDSTAND, WYE STREET, ROSS-ON-WYE HR9 7BX

21ST MAY - ROSS TOWN BAND
28TH MAY - LYDNEY TOWN BAND
4TH JUNE - BREAM SILVER BAND
11TH JUNE - GLEVUM BIG BAND

18TH JUNE - CITY OF BRISTOL BRASS BAND
25TH JUNE - CINDERFORD BAND
2ND JULY - GLOUCESTER BRASS BAND
9TH JULY - USK BRASS BAND

16TH JULY - PROMS IN THE PARK 2PM-7.30PM

23RD JULY - CHELTENHAM SILVER BAND
30TH JULY - NAILSMOUTH SILVER BAND
6TH AUGUST - THE CITY OF CARDIFF BRASS BAND
13TH AUGUST - PILLLOWELL SILVER BAND
20TH AUGUST - WORCESTERSHIRE WINDS
27TH AUGUST - ABERTILLERY TOWN BRASS BAND

with The Beefy Boys, Divine Donuts & Whinny's Horse Box serving top coffee, soft drinks

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS BAND
WYFORDCOTE (WYFORDCOTE) BAND
EBBON VALLEY BRASS BAND

• BYOB (Blanket / beverage / bite to eat)
• Kelsmor Dairy icecream will be onsite at all our events
• Proms in the Park refreshments provided by The Beefy Boys, Divine Donuts and Whinny's Horsebox
• Tickets open - 20p cash

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Summer is just around the corner - and we're delighted to announce our Bands in the Park 2023 line up!

Enjoy free outdoor summer concerts every Sunday from 21st May to 27th August from 2.30pm-4.30pm at the Ross-on-Wye Bandstand.

The season kicked off with our own wonderful Ross on Wye Town Band, with Proms in the Park on Sunday 16th July where we will be joined by The Beefy Boys, Divine Donuts, Kelsmor Dairy and Whinny's Horse Box, and finishing on Sunday 27th August with the Abertillery Town Brass Band.

Huge thanks as ever to David Harding for all his hard work in organising a fantastic selection of the best local brass.



Did you know you can attend our monthly Ross-on-Wye Town Council Meetings? Agendas and minutes can be found on our website www.rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk/town-council-meetings/

Community grants

The Town Council provides grants to qualifying organisations to support projects that aim to make a difference to the quality of life of people living in Ross-on-Wye. The aim is to support and strengthen community participation, activities and events and to help develop a sustainable welcoming community.

We encourage individuals, charities, voluntary groups or community organisations whose project promotes or improves the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the Ross Town Council area to apply.

Recent, successful grant applications include:

- The Friday Lunch Club to help with costs
- Ross-on-Wye Pancake Races
- Ross Walkers are Welcome towards new pedestrian gates
- Ross Rugby Club towards building work
- Ross Town Band towards providing lessons

Applications are welcomed all year round and if you have a project, activity or event that you think would be eligible, please call 01989 562373 or email admin@rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk for an application form - you can either email it back to us or drop it in to the Town Council offices at 7 High Street. Full details, along with the application form, can also be found on our website in both the Finance and What We Do sections.

Ross-on-Wye Christmas Fayre 2023



Stall applications for this year's Christmas Fayre, which takes place on Sunday 26th November are being accepted. For an application form please email Charlotte Reynolds, Community Development Officer, admin@rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk or you can download an application pack here: www.rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk/?news=stall-applications-for-this-years-christmas-fayre-now-open

You can now access the Ross-on-Wye Town Council newsletter online at www.rosstc-herefordshire.gov.uk/newsletter/

Contact us

Ross-on-Wye Town Council offices are normally open Monday to Friday from 0930 to 1300.

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