



TICKHILL TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter.

We can hardly believe it is December already, and I think you will all agree, Tickhill is looking very festive, thanks to all the hard work of the Tickhill Together team, and to businesses with their fabulous Christmas window displays.

As you are reading this issue, the days are now shorter, the weather colder and we are sure Christmas plans will be at the top of many family's agendas.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Tickhill Together late-night shopping event and Christmas light switch on, and we look forward to seeing you again when we gather round the Buttercross to sing carols along with the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve.

*Wishing you all a peaceful and safe
Christmas*

Tickhill Town Council

For the latest news and information on what we are doing, please visit our website www.tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk.

You can also join our Facebook group by scanning the QR code below, and if you have any concerns or would like further information on any of the work we do, please contact the [clerk to the council](mailto:clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk)

If you would like to be added to our circulation list to receive our newsletter by email, please Drop your details in an email to;

communications@tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk



Carols Around The Buttercross.



We will be holding our annual Christmas Eve Carols around the Buttercross again when the Salvation army band will lead us into song.

We will still be handing out the printed carol sheets, (if you have one tucked at the back of a drawer from a previous year, now is the time to dig it out) however this year we will also be wandering around with a QR code for residents to scan and download the carol sheet onto their mobile devices. The QR code is also available before the event in various shops, the library, and the notice boards around Tickhill.

Pavilion Chairs

If you attended our November meeting you will have sat in comfort, on our new chairs. Having offered the old orange chairs to many local organisations in the area with no takers, we found a worthwhile cause through a local charity who were keen to take the chairs for their DIY SOS project. The Crescent in Batley bring people together from all parts of the community to help combat isolation and loneliness, in a safe friendly environment over a cuppa.

Late Night Shopping & Christmas Light Switch On.

Once again this was an enormous success with many people turning out for the event and one for which Tickhill Town Council can take no credit. Huge thanks should go to the Tickhill Together team for organising the event, from ordering the trees and booking Santas cheerful elves to put them up and make our town look so festive.

Our small part was organising and switching on the lights, with the help of the school children, of course! This year you may notice we have added to the lights on the Buttercross, extended the lights down Castlegate and included the tree on the green space of Castle Close. We have unfortunately encountered an issue with the lights on the trees outside the Parish Rooms which have failed due to a connection becoming loose and unsupported with the weight of the snow shortly after the switch on. Sadly as the Parish Room is a grade II listed building it is not possible to fix any kind of bracket to support the 240v cable and transformer so the lights will remain off for this festive period.

Best Dressed Window Competition



We also organised the best dressed Christmas window display which Canon Paul Richardson kindly agreed to judge for us. Each window was scored out of a possible

total of 40 points, the criteria was creativity, originality, embracing the theme of Christmas and of course the WOW factor.

It was a difficult choice as so much effort has been put into the many fabulous window displays but I think you will all agree Deli 28 is a well-deserved winner. Beautifully dressed, authentic windows which really capture the spirit of Christmas. Well done Lesley!



Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2035

In July 2015, the Tickhill Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed referendum with an 87% vote in favour.

Since then, however, Central Government have compelled all planning authorities to produce a 'local plan' which the City of Doncaster Council did. As City of Doncaster Council are second tier government, for our plans to carry any legal weight as third tier, they need to cross reference the Doncaster plans, so we took the advice of a Planning Consultant and in consultation with the community and City of Doncaster Council, we have reviewed the plan to ensure it is up to date and generally fit for purpose. There are several proposed modifications to the Approved Plan.

The principal ones are:

- Strengthened approach to ensuring high quality, distinctive and sustainable design including the incorporation of a new design policy and associated Tickhill Design Code.
- New non-designated heritage assets and local green spaces have been added to the plan.
- New policies in relation to housing mix and affordable housing with strengthened supporting evidence.

The revised version consists of 2 sections, Part A (Planning Policies), which now includes a new section on sustainable development and diversity of housing reflecting current thinking, and Part B (Community Aspirations) which includes non-designated local heritage items important to the community but currently not protected under any other scheme. The plan, along with the associated material and documents, can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan page of our website and just after the Christmas break, a hard copy will located in the library for residents to view.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions on these revisions, please send these either by email to communications@tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk or by writing to the Clerk at Tickhill Town Council, The Pavilion, Tithes Lane, Tickhill, DN11 9QN by 31st January 2024.

Mill Dam Sluice Gate

After many years of stress and worry for residents living in the vicinity of The Mill Dam, work to replace the old failing sluice gate has finally got underway. Work has been hampered by the weather as following removal of the old sluice we had heavy rain followed by snow meaning the high levels of water flowing uncontrolled from the Mill Dam were a cause of concern and put a temporary stop to the works. The levels are being closely monitored, and an installation date of 9th January 2024 has been re-scheduled.

The new tilting weir, designed specifically for the location will be monitored 24/7 by a team at Doncaster Council along with the vigil eyes of the Friends of Mill Dam. Its design and operation mean that unlike the old sluice gate, debris is unable to build up and hinder the operation of the weir and when water levels rise, it can be opened more effectively to safely control the flow of water.

Other flood prevention measures have already been put in place, including measures to reduce waterflow further up and downstream and the FDW (flood defence wall), built to encourage water leaving the Dam (once it has passed through the weir) to pass into the Mill Field which acts as a temporary storage until the water can pass down Water (Sheep Dip) Lane on its way to join the Torne Catchment.

The Alison Award

The Alison Award is a memorial to a young local lady called Alison who was a pacifist and an environmentalist. Alison was a person who believed that kindness and community awareness made for a better world.

Eligibility for this award is open to young people of the age group 5 to 18 years old who have shown an outstanding commitment to something, or somebody, they hold dear.

If you would like to nominate someone, we would love to hear from you. Details along with a nomination form can be found on our website www.tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk

Tree Planting

As part of our commitment to a greener Tickhill, we plan to plant 60+ trees during this planting season (December to February). The trees will be funded by Barratts as part of the Spital Junction negotiations so there is no cost to Tickhill Town Council or residents.



We already have several locations outlined, including the grassed area at the junction with Sunderland Street and Alderson Drive,

the green space at the end of Castle Close, a few additional trees on the recreational ground, St Mary's C of E School and the new Spital junction once it is completed and landscaped. We have also received a request from residents for a community orchard on the green space near Saffron so we are looking at this as a possibility.

We are in touch with several landowners about potential planting but are still looking for more locations.

If you think there is a green space in Tickhill that has room for, and would benefit from having a tree or two planted, please let us know by emailing your suggestions to communications@tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk

Council Meetings

Council meetings are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:45pm in The Pavilion, Tithes Lane, Tickhill.

It's so lovely to see more and more residents each month and we would encourage anyone to attend and raise any concerns they may have.

Please note, the first 15 minutes of the meeting is reserved for residents to raise their concerns, once the formal meeting has started, members of the public are welcome to stay but are not permitted to take part. If your concern is likely to require a detailed response, you can send this to the clerk who will be happy to respond with the information you require.

Contact Your Councillors

You can contact your council by writing to:

Clerk to the Council – Maxine Booker

clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk

Cllr Peter Walker (Chair & Mayor) 5 Lumley Drive, Tickhill, DN11 9QD - 07736 316710

Cllr Helen Cork (Deputy Chair) Mallard House, 10 Greystone Close, Tickhill, DN11 9QL – 07721 072933

Cllr Denise Dawson 15 Herril Ings, Tickhill, DN11 9UE – 07984 570954

Cllr John Hoare 72 Lancaster Crescent, Tickhill, DN11 9QB – 01302 751787

Cllr Anita Johnson – 07949 509257

Cllr Ian Smith 2 Airedale Avenue, Tickhill, DN11 9UD

Cllr Chris Taylor 9 The Oval, Tickhill, DN11 9HF – 07983 170745

Cllr Matt Wood 34 Westgate, Tickhill, - 07825 239155

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For all Pavilion enquiries and Bookings

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Next meeting dates

(may be subject to change)

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Tuesday 27th February 2024

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Tuesday 21st May 2024