



Kingsbridge Matters

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Annual Town Meeting

The town council's Annual Town Meeting takes place on Tuesday 6th April at 7.00 p.m. in Kingsbridge Library. This is a really excellent opportunity to hear from the town council, the public authority closest to local people, and to share your own thoughts.

Philip Yates, town mayor, will introduce the evening to be followed by a review of the town council's past year: the challenges, successes and frustrations. Reports will be provided on some key projects and your ward Devon County Councillors will make short presentations on their own areas of interest. There will also be a 'half-term report' on the town council's priorities for 2009-2011. Here you will have the opportunity to share with councillors your own thoughts and ideas. Additionally, you will be able to ask questions and raise any matters which may be bothering you.

So rather than sharing your opinions, concerns or complaints with your next door neighbour – why not come and tell your town councillors what you think? There's a chance we may be able to do something about it.

Highways Matters

Town Councillors have met recently with Devon County Council members and Highways Officers, in company with members of the Chamber of Commerce, taxi drivers and local residents. We've been looking at a whole range of highways matters around the town and are trying to address some concerns. Our proposals include a new taxi rank at the top of Fore Street and for the loading bays to be time-designated thereby making them available for car parking from 4.00 p.m. onwards. A Traffic Regulation Order is required for this type of business which will include a formal public consultation period – so that you can have your say. Watch this space for further information.

Improvement to Play Areas



You will have noticed the hive of activity in the Recreation Ground opposite the tennis courts. The diggers and workmen are in; the old children's play area with tired equipment and rusting swings is out. In its place we will have a new secure area for the under 5 year olds with fresh, modern, play equipment for them to enjoy – and Mums and Dads of course. As we announced to you in our Autumn newsletter, alongside on the steep wooded slope we will have a physically challenging area for teenagers where they can climb, swing and slide. The project is bang on schedule and will be delivered shortly. Indeed, if you haven't visited the Recreation Ground recently – go and take a look on the Information Board at the Embankment Road entrance. It details all of our future plans and will be regularly updated.

CCTV

The expansion of our CCTV system is almost complete and we're just waiting for those last couple of pieces to complete the picture in order to increase the number of our cameras from 3 to a total of 6. The new cameras will be introduced to Duncombe Park, the Recreation Ground and Quay Car Park. We are grateful to a host of other agencies for their help and co-operation including Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and South Hams District Council. It's there for your piece of mind and it has proved very effective by producing evidence for use at court. By using CCTV in a responsible and proportionate manner it will help to maintain Kingsbridge as a safe and low crime area in which to live.



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Calling All Skaters

You've waited for 6 years – can you wait a few more weeks? Building of the new Skate Park at the end of Quay Car Park will commence in early April and should be up and running in May. There is a vibrant Skater User Group which meets regularly in Tresillian, at the top of Fore Street. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer are all skateboarders – it's really great fun and it's open to all young persons. So if you want to get involved why not come along to the next meeting at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 19th April. See you there!



Kingsbridge In Bloom



One of the real successes of recent years is the Kingsbridge In Bloom project. Two great results in the RHS Britain In Bloom competitions in 2008 & 2009 achieved Silver Gilt Awards and, keep those green fingers crossed, going for Gold this year. It really has lived up to its hook line of "growing pride in our community". The town council has contributed towards the cost of a sustainable landscaping project for the flower beds next to the Bus Station and Information Centre. The plans are tremendous and will deliver an amazing new feature to this area. If you want to find out more and get involved call Graham Price on 01548.854488 or email grahampriceuk@aol.com

Snippets:

- **Room With A View** Quay House has a 2nd floor office at 16m² for rental 24/7.
- **Firewood** Tree Surgeons may be interested in felling some trees for the Town Council. No payment - but the wood is yours.
- **Weddings** Did you know that you can get married in Quay House? It's a great setting and worth considering.

For all the above – contact the Council Offices on 01548.853296

Thank you to our departing Town Councillors

Two of our Town Councillors have recently given up their posts. Jax Williams has left due to other work and family commitments and Mick McGing has started a new job in Bristol.

Jax was elected to the Town Council in May 2007. She has been particularly appreciated for her efforts on behalf of young people and has successfully organised the Show & Shine car events for the past 2 years. We are delighted that she has agreed to continue in this role and will co-ordinate the 2010 event. Mick was co-opted on to the Town Council in April 2008 following a vacancy. He has been our lead member on the South Hams Local Development Framework and presented the proposals for Kingsbridge housing and employment allocations to a capacity crowd at a recent public meeting held in the Library.

Both Jax and Mick have made an excellent contribution to the work of Kingsbridge Town Council and the well being of the community as a whole. We know that local people have appreciated their enthusiasm, industry and endeavours.

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Opening hours: 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Obtain advice & information on local government services • Report problems • View planning applications
Buy organic bin liners • pick up clear & blue recycle bags • Pick up a Bus Pass application • Receive community news • Hire a room for your meeting • And lots more!

The town council meets in Quay House on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 p.m. (except during August). All council meetings are open to the public and start with an opportunity for people to ask questions or make statements. Minutes of all council and committee meetings are available at Quay House and on the council's website.

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