

Town Centre Regeneration

Over recent month's the Town Council's Regeneration Committee have been busy progressing a number of schemes that are envisaged to help regenerate the town centre, brief details of current projects are as follows:

Traffic Assessment

In July, the Town Council appointed an independent Traffic Consultant to work with the Town Council and Town Centre businesses, investigating potential improvements to parking in Fore Street in addition to options for improving traffic flow through the Town Centre. The Council have been successful in securing grant funding to fund this piece of work and further consultation will be undertaken with the community around potential options, when available.

Website

Did you know that in 2014, 38 million adults (76%) in Great Britain accessed the Internet every day. Access to the Internet using a mobile phone more than doubled between 2010 and 2014, from 24% to 58%. Following a review of the Town Council's website, it was recommended that in order to improve communication and further promote the town, a revamp of the site was required with the aim of making it more user friendly, whilst also being accessible by mobile devices. Key drivers behind the change are to ensure that the new site provides more of a focus on the town, better promotion of services, businesses and events and giving a much more inviting look and feel, providing information clearly not only to those wishing to visit the town, but to local residents also. The Town Council are currently working on a new design and hope to go live with a new site towards the end of the year.

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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

21st September 2015 (Full Council)
Town Hall – Bovey Tracey

5th October 2015 (Planning Committee)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

19th October 2015 (Recreation, Parks and Property and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

2nd November 2015 (Finance, Resources and General Purposes and Planning Committees)

16th November 2015 (Full Council)
Town Hall – Bovey Tracey

30th November 2015 (Planning Committee)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

14th December 2015 (Recreation, Parks and Property and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

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Your Local Information Centre

You may have noticed that the Information Centre in Station Road car park has had a face lift over the summer. With a fresh coat of paint and toughened glass windows to replace the wooden shutters, on offer is a friendly welcome to visitors and locals alike. Window posterholders mean posters about local events can be displayed 24/7, so this is a plea to all groups and societies to drop off any information you would like displayed. Hundreds of visitors pass through the door every week! The Information Centre remains open 7 days a week until 31st October. Over the winter months, the centre will be open 10.30am-12noon and 1.30pm-3.00pm on Saturdays.



The Information Centre are seeking new volunteers to join the team. If you like meeting people, love living in Bovey Tracey and have some local knowledge, please join up and help the Centre to stay open. Because of the new windows there is no longer any need to manage the heavy wooden shutters! If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact Keith Heron on 01626 830397.

More Flags for Bovey Tracey in 2016

After the success of the large scale unique, colorful Flags decorating the Town during the Summer, we have been very fortunate to get further funding from The Tracey Almshouse Trust to make more Flags for 2016.

There are already a few businesses keen to get their own flag and we are hoping to get even more in the main Town, but also to invite other organisations and businesses to take part in other areas of the Town. So please do contact Bridget if you are interested.

The aim is to make the Town look even more amazing than it did this year. If you would like to get involved in taking part in this next part of the project, volunteers who sew are also needed, then please contact Bridget Arnold 07766 342723 bridgetarnold66@gmail.com. The Flag making workshop dates so far are Thursday 15, Friday 16 and Saturday 17 October 10am-4pm in the Town Hall. Other dates can also be arranged to suit the businesses wanting to take part.



Police Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service offered by Devon and Cornwall Police to keep you informed about policing news and crime information in your area.

Messages can be sent by telephone, email or fax – you decide how and when you would like to receive the information.

The more people registered the more effective it will be.



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Police Authority

Please enrol via the link:

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/community-messaging-register/

Grass Verges

The unsightly state of particular verges throughout the parish didn't go un-noticed earlier this year, which was as an unfortunate result of budget cuts at Devon County Council, resulting in areas being left uncut that were not a priority for driver visibility. The Town Council have however approved the funding of the surplus areas in an attempt to keep the entire appearance of our town looking great. This is a short term solution for the remainder of the year, whilst a more sustainable solution is investigated.

Community Composting

With the introduction of an annual charge by the District Council for the collection of garden waste, Town Councillors recently considered the possibility of facilitating a Community Composting site for local residents within the parish of Bovey Tracey. The first hurdle however is to find a suitable site. To meet statutory and other requirements, any site will need to be:

- Reasonably level
- Remote from watercourses
- Readily accessible for users
- Readily accessible for contractors (shredders etc)
- Ideally 25m x 50m for starters
- Space for multiple compost bays
- Hardened and well-drained surface for working area
- Water supply available
- Space for (and eventually secure) storage of equipment
- Site fencing and securable gates (to avoid fly-tipping or vandalism)
- Remote from nearby dwellings

If you are aware of any areas within the parish that might fit the above criteria, or indeed wish to get involved with volunteering etc, please contact the own Clerk
(Tel: 01626 834217 or email info@boveytracey.gov.uk)

Keep our footpaths clear

Obstructions can cause problems for pedestrians and can make simple journeys difficult for wheelchair users, blind or partially sighted people or those with mobility issues.

Householders are therefore advised to take responsibility for their roadside hedges, trees and shrubs to prevent overgrown vegetation causing a hazard.

Most landowners take their responsibilities seriously, however on occasion the Town Council receive complaints from people who wrongly assume responsibility for roadside hedge cutting is the council's. We need the co-operation of all landowners, occupiers and residents. Please do your bit to maintain the appearance of our parish and keep all footpaths and access routes clear from obstructions.



Candlelit Carol Service

The Town's Candlelit Carol Service will take place at the Parish Church of St Peter, Paul and Thomas on Monday 21st December commencing at 7.30pm to be followed by refreshments courtesy of the Church and your Town Council in the Church Rooms. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The annual Christmas Lights switch on will take place this year on Saturday 5th December. Further details of this event will be available nearer the time via our website (www.boveytracey.gov.uk).

Refreshing the Parish Church

Since the last public consultation in October 2014, the Church Council has asked its architects to revise the plans. There will be a full presentation of the new plans in church on Friday 9th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome! The Church Council wants the Parish Church building to be an asset to the whole community, while remaining a place of quiet prayer and joyful worship