



TRING TOWN CRIER

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Welcome to the 2023 edition of the Tring Town Crier which is the Annual Report for Tring Town Council providing a summary of key activities during the previous municipal year (April 22 to publication).

The Town Council is the first tier of elected local government representing the views of the community to many public sector organisations, such as Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council. Consequently, the Town Council is keen to engage with the people of Tring to understand better their local concerns.

A MAYOR'S YEAR

'Tring is back on track!'



Cllr Christopher Townsend
Town Mayor



What a great year for Tring - as I said at the Christmas Festival - 'Tring is back on track!' The Summer Carnival was a delight and we got to parade down the High Street for the first time since Covid - it was lovely to see so many people out cheering the event on. It was also nice to be there with our new Town Crier - Mike Code - I'd like to thank him for stepping into this traditional role. Not many towns have their own town crier!

In the summer also, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with many events to mark her reign. Sadly, in the Autumn, we lost our Queen. This was marked with a

number of events across the town. Many will have seen the Proclamation in London. As Mayor I was sent to Hemel Hempstead to hear the Dacorum Proclamation; I was then handed a scroll to take to Tring, where I made the announcement in the Market Square. Many were present and we ended with a rendition of God Save the King. Tring played its role in marking this important event in our nation.

There were many other events during the year, but a particularly notable one was Tring's Own Apple Fayre. My heartfelt thanks go to the organisers of this and all the other events that make Tring such a vibrant town.

From the Town Council's point of view, the big news this year is progress on the Nora Grace Hall project: plans are afoot! You must read more details in Cllr McDowell's report

covering the work of the Building and Assets Committee.

Looking forward, we as a Town Council are doing everything we can to influence the shape of planning development in Tring. We share your concerns about large scale development and continue to retain expert advisers, so that we can be as effective as possible when it comes to planning appeals. Unfortunately there is still uncertainty over the longer term Local Plan.

The financial situation of the Council remains strong. We are impacted by inflation, but not yet to the extent that we have had to make any major cutbacks in terms of what we do for the town. Our reserves remain high.

Tring is a very special place, it is a community that has such depth and generosity of spirit. We really outdo ourselves in terms of 'things to do in Tring', and this is backed up by the many community-minded individuals who volunteer to work for the greater good (thank you!). Let's be proud of this town, take care of it, and enjoy it.



YOU'RE INVITED!

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2023 AT 8PM

IN THE VICTORIA HALL, AKEMAN STREET, TRING, HP23 6AA

Allotments & Environment Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIR, CLLR NIGEL NUTKINS (DEPUTY MAYOR)

Bees

It was with regret that we found the Duckmore Lane allotments to be unsuitable for beekeeping, following several nasty incidents where people were stung. Beekeepers worked with the Council's recommendations and moved bees to a new, more appropriate location. Advice was sought from Hertfordshire Beekeepers Association, and we will continue to work with them to assess the beekeeping potential of the site. Although beekeeping will no longer be permitted from October 2023, wild bees are encouraged through the planting of bee friendly habitats.

In addition we have seen:

- Women's Institute (WI) tree planting for the Queen's Green Canopy at the Community Garden in Duckmore Lane (see photo)
- Tring in Transition reported that the Repair Cafe which takes place in the High St. Baptist Church is doing well
- Representation from Cllr Patterson at the Dacorum Environment Network
- The Apple Fayre, supported by the Council and organised by the Justice & Peace Group, amongst others
- The kerb in Church Square was dropped to make it safer, and more accessible
- Church Square flower bed has been replanted, with support from volunteers
- The benches in Dolphin Square have been replaced, following a campaign from Councillors



Climate Change Working Party

WORKING PARTY COMMITTEE CHAIR, CLLR BRIAN PATTERSON

The Climate Change Working Party continued to meet during the year. The working party is set up to carry out local actions that can make a difference, given the climate emergency. Our work covers a number of different areas. Some of these are quite ambitious, for example where we are trying to take forward plans for EV chargers on Town Council property. Others are smaller scale, but nonetheless important: looking into a bottle-refilling station for the public, leaflets on cycle paths in Tring, publicising green grants to the community, supporting a Recycling Map from Tring in Transition, etc. The working party also has an interest in local bus routes, proposing that we support the design and development of an East-West Hertfordshire link (414).

We are pleased to note that new groupings are emerging that share our concerns and call to action, with the formation of The Sustainable Tring Thing, who joined the working party for the final meeting of 2022, along with Tring Radio.

Finally, this year we also made connections with Bishop Wood school, receiving reports of what the school is trying to do about climate issues. It was inspiring to see that the younger generation are trying to take the steps necessary by forming their own Climate Change Council; we must take heed.



Buildings, Assets & Infrastructure Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIR, CLLR PHIL MCDOWELL

This year has been an important one for the Buildings, Assets & Infrastructure Committee, as the Committee took the next step to move towards the proposal for an exciting new community hub on the site of the Nora Grace Hall. In addition to this proposed development the Council manages a number of other properties, and land, in Tring.

The Council assets include:

- Market House, where the Council Chamber and offices are situated
- Church Square, where the Friday Market has been held for over 500 years
- The Nora Grace Hall, formerly the Red Cross Hall, at Pond Close
- Pond Close, where the Nora Grace Hall is located, as well as a playground and adult gym equipment
- Play area at Chapel Meadow
- Land at New Mill where the ATC hut is located
- Duckmore Lane, including the allotments and Millenium Wood
- Land at Brook Street, including the Market Place where the Farmer's Market is held, and where the Local History Museum and Auction House are located
- Bulbourne Allotments, Car Park & Grass Keep

Pound Meadow is owned by Dacorum Borough Council, and they have now taken over management of the Skate Park, following a grant from Tring Town Council for new, modern skate park equipment.

An exciting new community hub for Tring!

Moving on to the big news, the Council has been looking at ways to improve or replace the much-loved *Nora Grace Hall*, Tring's major Community Hall. It is an important venue for Tring, originally built by the Red Cross in 1972 on land given to the Town Council. After reverting to the Town Council, it was renamed the *Nora Grace Hall* and continues in active use under the care of *Tring Together*, a council-supported community organisation.

The building is now 50 years old, is showing its age, and with ever more expensive repairs it does not appear viable to carry on in its present form. The Council are considering a modern replacement building with sustainability at its heart to ensure that Tring has a centrally located community hub to serve the next generation. The Council launched a Public Consultation on 11th November. It ran for six weeks, giving the community an opportunity to have their say on the hub and the adjacent park.

The proposed new Community Hall could deliver a range of new and improved facilities including:

- A **Café**, with views over the **Park & Play Area**
- Multi-purpose rooms e.g. for:
 - **Community Groups**,
 - **Health, Wellness or Support Groups**,
- Facilities for **Hire**
- **Gallery Space** for local artists
- **Improved Car Parking**
- **Level Access** into the building
- Improvements to the adjacent **green space/childrens playground** (known as 'Spider Park')

The Public Consultation had a superb response, with over 150 people attending the first event, at the Christmas Festival and 50 the second event, which was an incredible turnout considering there was a hard frost all day, and temperatures dipped to -5°. Over two hundred questionnaires were completed, and the feedback shows the enthusiasm of the local community. You can find out more about the results of the Public Consultation on the Council website at www.tring.gov.uk.

The decision on whether or how to proceed with the replacement of the Community Hall depends on a number of factors, including the consultation findings, final costings, availability of funding and planning consent.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to take part in the working party. We had over forty responses. At the last working party meeting, it was decided that to start with, three main roles are needed to take the project forward:

- Fundraiser
- Project Manager
- Business Development Manager

At this stage, the Council is asking for support in formulating job descriptions, and finding people to fill the roles. If you feel that is in your skill set, please contact us at clerk@tring.gov.uk, with a one paragraph outline of how you could help and please put 'NGHWP Volunteer' in the subject line.

Land at Bulbourne

Dacorum Borough Council are awaiting a decision on their planning application to build eleven houses on the Bulbourne site, for social housing. The Town council are still in discussions about whether to sell the land to enable the building to take place and no final decision has been made as yet.

Market House Renovations

Last year, tenders were put out for contractors to renovate Market House. There is a formal process the Council has to go through, including posting the tender on a government website, and making the tender process known to the public, which was done in part, through an advert in the Hemel Gazette. Unfortunately, none of the tenders received were acceptable - being priced too highly, or from poorly reviewed contractors. We enlisted advice from a conservation expert and a new tender has now been published. It is hoped that works will start in the Spring, undertaking essential maintenance to this iconic building that is so much a part of Tring's heritage.



Finance & Policy Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIR, CLLR PAUL ELLEY

The Finance & Policy Committee is responsible for detailed oversight of the Council's financial affairs and its policies.

The annual cycle of activities starts with budget preparation and budget approval (by the full Council). The committee monitors expenditure against the budget during the year and recommends any actions needed to keep the budget balanced, such as transferring money from reserves. The committee scrutinises the reports from the annual audits (internal and external) and ensures that any actions needed are taken to achieve a clean bill of health from these.

The budgetary year runs from 1st April to 31st March. Last year a budget was set of just over £298,000. This was to be funded by the Town Council's share of council tax (the precept), income from assets, and approximately £27,000 from the reserves. At the time of writing, it is expected that we will be almost exactly on target.

Like everybody else the Council is suffering from inflation and uncertainty about what some of the future costs will be, particularly the energy costs.

The plan is to maintain the current level of services but not to embark on any major projects which need to be funded from the precept. The annual cost for a Band D house will increase by £2.74 to £32.89 per year.

The Council benefits from a scheme known as Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) where money is given to the Council by the



Community Infrastructure Levy Monitoring Report

a) Total CIL receipts for the reporting year 2021/2022 £458,641.54

b) Total CIL expenditure for the reported year £39,007.50

c) Summary details of CIL expenditure on each item

Items to which CIL had been applied	Amount of CIL expenditure on each item
Planters with bike locks attached x4	£780.00
Display Sign for allotments	£770.50
Outdoor Gym Equipment	£11,357
Grant to Wendover Arm Trust for Wendover Canal restoration project	£20,000
Money has been set aside (but not paid out yet) for a grant to Hertfordshire County Council to install fencing at Hastoe Lane to prevent parking on verges.	£6,100

d) Details of any notices received in accordance with regulation 59E

Total value of CIL receipts subject to notices served in accordance with regulation 59E during the reported year

£0

Total value of CIL receipts subject to a notice served in accordance with regulation 59E in any year that has not been paid to the relevant charging authority by the end of the reported year

£0

e) Total amount of:

CIL receipts for the reported year retained at the end of the reported year £458,641.54

CIL receipts from previous years retained at the end of the reported year £723,543.36 (Includes a commitment to contribute up to £25,000 towards the refurbishment of Tring skateboard park and £6,100 to Hertfordshire County Council Highways department for the installation of fencing at Hastoe Lane.)

f) Infrastructure priorities for the coming year Replacement of Nora Grace Hall & play equipment for Pond Close.

Borough each year in proportion to housing development in the Town. This money cannot be spent on things like salaries and wages or day to day running costs. It has to be spent on projects to support the development of an area and must be spent within 5 years of receipt. There are various other rules regarding how the

money can be spent. There is currently around £740,000 of CIL money held. This has been generated from recent developments in Tring, particularly Roman Park. We cannot expect similar amounts in the future unless major new developments are approved.

We have spent some CIL money this year and have committed £6,100 to a future project. We are holding back the bulk of the current monies until we understand how much we need to spend on the Nora Grace Hall replacement project.

Our policy work covers financial policies which ensure that we follow statutory guidance in our spending and how we manage any reserves and investments. Many of our other policies cover our duty as an employer to ensure the health, safety and well-being of our employees. All of our policies are reviewed regularly and updated in line with changes in the law and best practices.

Supporting Good Causes - Council Grants

This year Tring Town Council has a budget of around £18,600 which it spends on local good causes. This money is split into a pot of £4,000 that goes to one-off grants that are asked for during the year and £14,600 that is allocated to organisations whose aims, broadly, are the promotion and wellbeing of Tring. For example, Tring Together gets a grant, as does the Tring Youth Town Council, the Tring Youth Project and our Local History Society. All money is well spent, as these organisations work tirelessly throughout the year to support our town in a great many ways.

Below are some testimonies from some of the organisations that have received grants so far this year:

Rennie Grove Hospice Care

A life-saving defibrillator will be installed at Rennie House on the Icknield Way Industrial Estate, Tring, thanks to a generous grant from Tring Town Council.

The equipment will be installed on an external wall of the Rennie Grove Hospice Care building, so that it is easily accessible, for both local businesses and residents.

Stewart Marks, CEO at Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care said, "We're so grateful to Tring Town Council for funding the lifesaving defibrillator and wall cabinet".

"This equipment will bring peace of mind to the local community. Although we hope it isn't needed, it's great to know that it will be there to provide life-saving treatment in the event of an emergency, while an ambulance is en route."

The defibrillator location will be added to the British Heart Foundation 'Circuit' database, thereby allowing greater access to its use.



St. Francis Hospice

Thank you to Tring Town Council - your grant to The Hospice of St Francis is so precious! It has funded a new and much-needed larger gazebo that's been used across our events calendar including the Classic Car Show, Garden Party and Mud Pack Challenge, helping us to raise over £90,000. It means our free care for people in the local community affected by life-limiting illness can continue.



Tring Music Partnership "Music for Everyone".

Tring Music Partnership was created in June 2021 to get community music back on its feet following the pandemic.

Music benefits everyone's mental health and wellbeing and we want everyone in our community to have the opportunity to take part in music.

With a grant from Tring Town Council, additional grants from Dacorum Borough Council, Tring Park Arts Society and funds from ticket sales we:

- Provided musical instrument demonstration and have-a-go sessions for over 140 primary school children
- Ran 3 free youth musical theatre workshops for over 50 young people
- Ran the music stages at the Tring Christmas Festival so that school choirs and local musicians could perform
- Put on a workshop for young musicians with the aim that they become the local Musical Directors and band members of the future.
- Created a register of local music teachers
- Ran two large networking events to link all primary school music teachers together and support local music groups to get back up and running in a COVID-safe way
- Provided early years music sessions for Tring Tots community playgroup
- Provided older years music sessions for residents at The Furlong

We are now entering our third year of joyful music making and will be celebrating with a Music Gala Performance at the Victoria Hall on **Saturday 18th March 2023**. For more information and tickets please contact trish@tringtogether.org.uk



Planning Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIR, CLLR BRIAN PATTERSON

The primary role of the Planning Committee is to consider individual planning applications, and to make recommendations to Dacorum Borough Council. About 250 applications were considered by the Committee and the full Council in the past year. The Committee has to take proper account of planning legislation when deciding whether to raise no objections, to raise no objections but with conditions attached, or to recommend refusal. Traffic orders and licensing applications are also considered by the Committee.

As always the Committee is fully aware that the town is surrounded by both green belt and the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Indeed the parish area extends as far as the Buckinghamshire border adjoining Cholesbury so applications for new buildings within the AONB are scrutinised very carefully. The Committee was sufficiently concerned by the law allowing barns and other farm buildings to be converted to residential homes to direct the Town Clerk to write to the local MP expressing the Council's concern that the legislation was open to abuse and should be reviewed. The Town itself also contains a well-regarded and attractive conservation area. Any new

development which has an adverse effect on the town's surroundings will be very closely scrutinised and recommended for refusal whenever appropriate. This was particularly the case when the application to build over 1,000 homes on farmland off Station Road was considered and strongly recommended for refusal. Dacorum Borough Council duly refused the application and the developers have appealed against the decision. The Town Council will be involved in the appeal hearing, currently expected to take place in March.

The number of planning applications during the past 12 months has otherwise been a little less than last year. Many have been home-owners applying for extensions to their properties, whether additional bedrooms, garage conversions, or office space for those working from home. There have been a number of conversions from office or retail to residential use within the commercial heart of the town. Recent changes in planning legislation make this attractive to developers as well as the continuing trend towards on-line shopping or working from home. Other possible developments currently of interest are plans for a Lidl supermarket on that part of Roman Park set aside for

employment i.e. offices, research and development and light industrial use. Plus plans for a large residential care home at the northern end of Miswell Lane on land currently designated for residential housing.

As mentioned last year, Dacorum's draft Local Plan for the period 2020 to 2038 was withdrawn following much concern locally because of the large amount of development on green-belt land adjacent to the AONB, including that area on the east side of Tring, mentioned above. However, Dacorum is not yet ready to issue a new draft Local Plan and it is likely only to be published towards the middle of the year. Indeed for a time the Borough Council was obliged to put all development in abeyance if it adjoined Ashridge or Tring Woodland. A mitigation strategy was finally published in November although it is probably too soon to properly assess its impact.

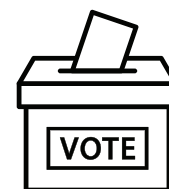
All Planning Committee (and full Council) meetings are held in public so that residents can come along to make representations about specific applications, whether in support or in opposition. Information about dates, location and agendas are on the Council's website www.tring.gov.uk



Tring Town Council Elections 2023

- Why and how **YOU** can get involved

TOWN CLERK, LYDIA HOUSDEN



Town and Parish Councils have elections for all their Councillors every four years and the next elections for Tring Town Council will be on the 4th May 2023. A Notice of Election will be published by Dacorum Borough Council at the start of the election. This gives details of the electoral areas, date and time of election, the number of Councillors to be elected, and the timetable for submitting nomination papers.

HOW can you get involved?

1. BECOME A COUNCILLOR

You can become a Councillor as long as you are:

- A British citizen or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union
- At least 18 years old
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election

You can't be a Councillor if you have a disqualification which includes:

- Working for the Council you want to be a Councillor for, or for another local authority in a politically restricted post
- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- Have been sentenced to prison for three months or more (including suspended sentences) during the five years before election day
- Have been convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court
- You are subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Full details of the eligibility and disqualification requirements can be found on the websites referred to in this article.

As a local Councillor, your residents will expect you to:

- Respond to their queries and investigate their concerns
- Communicate Council decisions that affect them
- Know your area and be aware of any problems
- Know and work with representatives of local organisations, interest groups and businesses

Why?

Councillors play a key role in the town. They are a voice representing local people and communities. They are champions of the users of local services and help shape future services for the benefit of local people. They work in partnership with other organisations and they play a major role in making local government work by developing a better quality of life for the people of Tring.

Next Steps:

- Decide whether to represent a party or stand as an independent candidate
- Submit your nomination papers
- Plan your campaign

These websites give you answers to questions such as whether you are eligible to stand for election and how to get involved:

- <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a-candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/become-a-councillor>
- <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/council-democracy/elections-and-voting>

2. NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION

All nomination papers require a signature from two (one proposer, and one seconder) registered electors within the parish. Candidates must consent to the nomination.

3. VOTE

The Town Council elections won't decide the future of the whole of the country or change Britain's relationship with the world. However they are a chance for you to vote to elect a Councillor who will represent your interests. After all, the candidate chosen will be influencing Council decisions and will be responsible for how public money is spent in the town.

Residents need photo ID to vote at elections in May

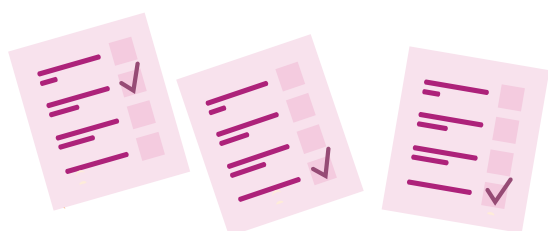
For the first time, voters will need to show photographic ID to vote in polling stations at this year's local elections. Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

Residents voting by postal vote do not need photographic ID. Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or by completing a paper form.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID).

For more information on how to register to vote please visit the Dacorum Borough Council website:

<https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/council-democracy/elections-and-voting>



Tring Youth Town Council

CLERK TO THE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL, EMMA CAVE



The last year has been a busy one for us with most events running normally again which has been refreshing for everyone.

The Summer Carnival saw us staging our ever-popular dog show which was a brilliant event with a variety of breeds taking part. A perfect combination of sun and clouds made for a safe and fun day with a profit of £100 going to the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf to help with their valuable work. Youth Councillors run the whole event with booking-in and judging just part of the organisation.



Later in the year our Chairman laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service from the young people of Tring and made a £50 donation to the Poppy Appeal

The Vintage Tombola supported by Tring Market Auctions at the Christmas Festival was a great success and fun for everyone involved. We were so pleased to have a couple of Youth Club members help out on the night who came along with the fantastic Youth Club Leader Sandra to boost takings.

Our Chairman Libby organised another toy collection for children and families in the local area experiencing difficulties with the cost of living crisis at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated; we also used £100 from the Vintage Tombola profits to buy more toys. This year we donated these toys to the Tring Elves group who help support families in the Tring area not just at Christmas but throughout the year.



The Youth Council continues to support the Tring Youth Club at the Temperance Hall. The club is open on Fridays 6.30–9pm and a new session on Wednesdays 4.30–7pm. The amazing staff support our young people as needed in a warm and comfortable safe environment with music, art, pool table, Lego, table tennis and table football, together with a fully stocked hot and cold tuck shop and outside activities in the summer months.

This year we have seen the culmination of the skatepark refurbishment project which has taken two years to complete. We now have a fantastic concrete plaza style skatepark with lighting so it can be used in the early evenings throughout the winter months. We had a wonderful official opening party with Pro Skaters, Pizza and music after The Mayor of Dacorum cut the ribbon. The competitions and fun carried on throughout the day with all ages taking part. This successful project shows what can be achieved working together, so if there are any young people with ideas for future projects come and get involved.



We are always looking to welcome new members. We meet monthly in the Council Chambers with snacks and drinks and chat about anything the young people want to raise. We put on events and plan new ones and donate profits to charities locally. We also meet socially for bowling and other activities. If you or your friends are interested, please email Emma at youthcouncil@tring.gov.uk. We would love to see you at our next meeting.



Tring Town Council Competitions

The annual competitions took place again in Tring this year:

- Front garden competition
- The allotment competition and
- The Christmas shop window competition

There was also the annual community award which recognises;

- Exceptional work in the community.

Winners of the Annual Front Garden Competition

- **Best large garden**
- Tring UDC Cup
17 Hollyfield Close
- **Best small garden**
- Trevor Marwood Cup
25 Langdon Street
- **Best front garden in Eight Acres**
- Coulter Cup
- 82 Eight Acres



Winners of the Christmas Window Competition

The Mayor presented the awards, to much excitement from the winners who were:

- **1st** Magnolia of Tring
- **2nd** Sons of Ink
- **3rd** Rooney's Pharmacy



Winners of the Allotment Competition

- **1st** Ken Seabrook
- **2nd** Gwyneth Down
- **3rd** Mick Mitchinton

Annual Community Award

The Annual Community Award goes to **Polly Eaton** in recognition of her exceptional work within the Community. Through her role at High Street Baptist Church - as a member both of staff and of the congregation - Polly has become involved over recent years with Tring's Justice & Peace Group, which is affiliated to Churches Together in Tring, and has been particularly involved with the 'Make Tring a Bee



Town' campaign and with Tring's Fairtrade Town status. Polly has supported and publicised a range of local and national campaigns and events to bring the global issues around the climate and biodiversity crises to greater public attention. Most recently, this has involved arranging for the church to host Tring's new monthly Repair Cafe - run by the Tring in Transition group - and organising Tring's Big Brew coffee morning for Fairtrade Fortnight.



Do you know anyone who you think should be recognised for exceptional work in the community?

Send in your nominations for the Annual Community Award, with their name and the reason for nomination to the Deputy Clerk at: admin@tring.gov.uk.

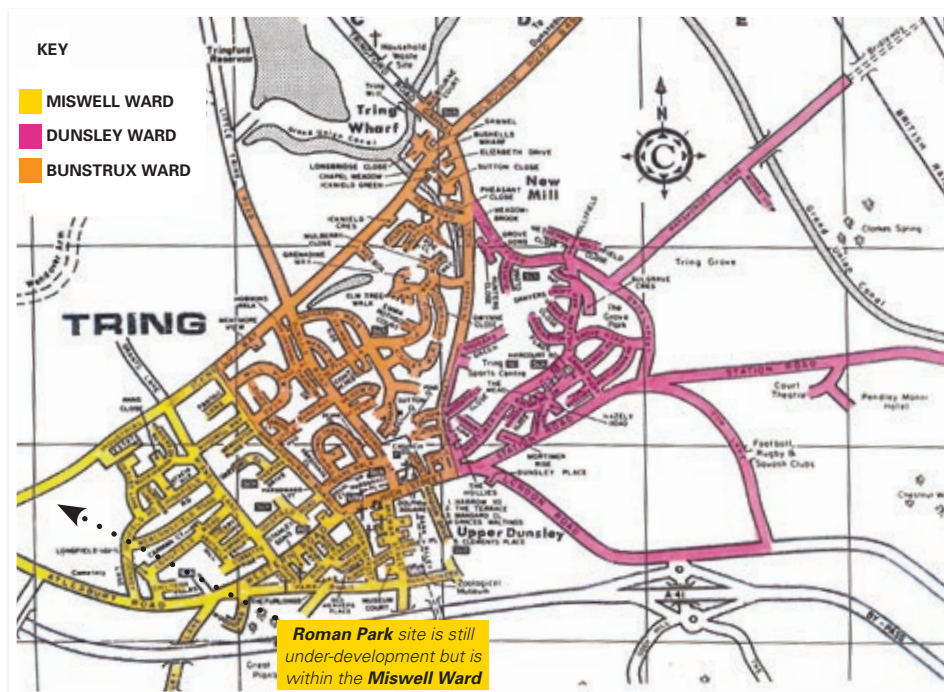
Meet your Council

There are a total of 12 Councillors who are elected members and sit on the Council and its various committees.

The Council meets as a body every month (except March and August).

Six committees meet regularly:

Planning, Finance & Policy, Allotments & Environment, Buildings, Assets and Infrastructure, Local Transport Plan and Staffing and Employment. Committee meetings are usually held quarterly on a rolling programme, except Planning which is held every month.



MISWELL WARD



Cllr Christopher Townsend
Mayor
Chair: Staffing & Employment Committee



Cllr Nigel Nutkins
Deputy Mayor
Chair: Allotments & Environment Committee



Cllr Brian Patterson
Chair: Planning Committee



Cllr Helena Piper

DUNSLEY WARD



Cllr Penny Hearn



Cllr Rosemarie Hollinghurst



Cllr Alex MacDonald

BUNSTRUX WARD



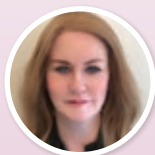
Cllr Mrs Roxanne Ransley
Chair: Local Transport Plan Committee



Cllr Paul Elley
Chair: Finance & Planning Committee



Cllr Phil McDowell
Chair: Buildings & Assets Committee



Cllr Sharon Wilkie



Cllr Keith Baker

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Sally Symington
County Councillor for Tring Division

Tring Town Council

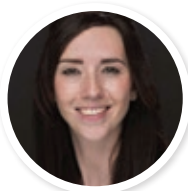
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2022/23

Tring Town Council does its best to ensure that Tring is a great place to live, and that everything works in a 'joined-up' sort of way. However, Tring would not function in the way that it does without the dedicated involvement of its citizens and social or special-interest groups. In order to ensure the principles of consistency and partnership, Tring Town Council welcomes the opportunity to provide representation on a number of local organisations. Details of these are given below:

BODY OR ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Tring Community Centre Management Committee Tring Community Centre is run and managed by the Tring Community Association, which is a self-funded registered charity providing events, activities and facilities for the local community of all ages.	Cllr S. Wilkie
Tring Together (as observer) Tring Together plans and organises events and activities for the town, involving community groups, the business community, Tring's residents and its visitors.	Cllr R. Hollinghurst
Old Church House Management Committee The Old Church House is a small Community Hall that serves in general the young people of Tring. It also hosts activities for all age groups, and offers facilities for a wide range of regular activities that include Dance, Martial Arts, Drama, Pilates, Yoga and toddler groups.	Town Mayor (ex officio) Cllr P. Elley
Tring Charities Tring Charities has an excellent reputation for providing homes for older people in financial need, and aims to provide a safe and secure environment for its residents who are expected to live independently, without supervision and to care for themselves. The Charity also funds their 'Millennium Education' facility which provides grants towards the further education of young people with limited resources.	Cllr P. Hearn
Tring & District Local History & Museum Society The Museum tells the story of the town, the area, its history and the many fascinating people associated with it. Staffed by volunteers, the Museum is currently open on Fridays and Saturdays only.	Cllr R. Hollinghurst
The Friends of Tring Church Heritage A well-established group whose main aim is to preserve the fabric of the Church of St Peter and St Paul, right in the heart of Tring, to continue to offer the church not just as a place of worship, but as a social focal point for the town.	Cllr P. Elley
County Market Company Ltd (trading as Tring Farmers' Market) - observer status Tring Farmers Market is a well-established fortnightly (Saturdays throughout the year) attraction to Tring's town centre and meet on the Market Place.	Cllr R. Ransley
Tring Sports Forum Tring Sports Forum is a volunteer group representing Tring residents, sports clubs and other organisations. Its main aims include: ensuring that adequate sports & leisure facilities for the whole community are provided for in local development planning, and assisting the various bodies in implementation.	Cllr R. Ransley
Churches Together in Tring There are six established churches in Tring and a number of others in the neighbouring villages. These churches vary in denomination, size, as well as architectural, theological and worship style. However, Churches Together in Tring (CTT) believe in strengthening Tring's community by working together whenever and wherever they can.	Cllr C. Townsend
Justice & Peace Group This group has been instrumental in enabling Tring to gain 'Fairtrade Town' status. They also champion local businesses who provide Fairtrade and/or local food and drink, and are active in encouraging the idea of making Tring 'bee-friendly'!	Cllr N. Nutkins
Hertfordshire Association of Parish & Town Councils A forum enabling Town and Parish Council Officers to share common issues and ensure consistency of approach.	Town Clerk Mrs L Housden
Arla/Olleco Liaison Group Meetings are held at the factory with representatives of nearby councils who can raise any issues to do with Arla, Olleco or their suppliers. Problems are very rare and localised and tend to be about odour, light pollution, HGV traffic, noise and drainage. Tring seems well protected from these by the ridge of the hill and nearly all HGV movements leave the area unnoticed along the A41. Since 1880 Arla has grown into one of the largest food manufacturers in N Europe and is a co-operative owned by nearly 10,000 farmers. The UK company is a private subsidiary with 15 dairy farmers owning shares and another 175 represented on the board. Olleco makes green energy and soil improver using waste from Arla and on-site packaging and produces bio-fuel from used cooking oil elsewhere.	Dacorum Borough Councillor N. Hollinghurst
Dacorum Environmental Forum (DEF) This voluntary organisation meets quarterly (currently online) to discuss matters of environmental interest within Dacorum, including Tring.	Cllr B. Patterson Cllr P. McDowell
Rothschild Surgery This 'patient participation' group works closely with the GP practice to try to ensure the best quality of care for local people. It also provides information to Tring people about local, regional and national healthcare organisations and issues.	Cllr P. Elley

Tring Town Council - Organisational Structure

Tring Town Council has a considerable range of land, properties, and services to run and maintain. We have a staffed Information Centre which provides information and assistance to locals and visitors alike. There is also the daily administration and organisation of Council business and meetings to be dealt with. It is therefore vital that the Town Council has a strong team of staff. They may all be part-time, but they all have an important contribution to make in ensuring the smooth-running of all the Town Council's responsibilities. You may like to meet them:



Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, Lydia Housden

Lydia has overall responsibility for the management of Tring Town Council – everything that its staff do, and the effective administration of the Council itself. All Town and Parish Councils are required to operate in accordance with legal and statutory requirements, and Lydia has to ensure that Tring Town Council complies with those requirements. Contact via: clerk@tring.gov.uk



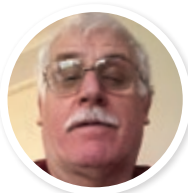
ADMINISTRATION

Deputy Town Clerk, Caroline Murray

Caroline provides general administrative assistance to the Town Clerk, particularly with the Council's finances. In addition to standing in for the Clerk at meetings from time to time, the Deputy Clerk has specific duties in respect of the management of allotments and the council land and property portfolio. Contact via: admin@tring.gov.uk

Cleaner

Keeps the information office, council chambers and communal areas clean and tidy. Comes in three times a week.



TOWN ENVIRONMENT

Town Warden, Ben Cartwright

Ben is essentially the 'eyes and ears' of the Town Council – out and about in the Town, attempting to keep everything as we would all like it to be. Ably assisted by his 'outdoor worker' Phillip, Ben also has specific responsibilities in respect of the allotments, market places, and other assets belonging to the Town Council. Ben works closely with other agencies, particularly Dacorum Borough Council, to keep our town clean and tidy, and welcoming to visitors and locals alike. Contact via: townwarden@tring.gov.uk



INFORMATION CENTRE

Information Officer, Ray Flanigan

Ray is responsible for the overall management of the Information Centre. The office is open 9.30am–2.30pm on weekdays, and 10am–1pm on Saturdays, and provides access to all sorts of information about Tring and what goes on in the area. Ray shares cover for those hours with his three assistants, Vicki Elsdon, Trish Dowden, and Janet Wheeler (left to right below). In the background the office acts as the Council's 'switchboard' for dealing with incoming calls and e-mail enquiries. Contact via: info@tring.gov.uk

Information Assistants x 3



YOUTH COUNCIL

Clerk to Youth Town Council, Emma Cave

Emma provides invaluable support to Tring's Youth Town Council, and acts in a similar way to the Town Clerk in that respect – ensuring that meetings are properly timetabled, organised, conducted, and minuted. She also ensures that issues raised and considered by the Youth Town Council are dealt with in accordance with accepted practice. Contact via: youthcouncil@tring.gov.uk

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