

Kingsbridge Town Council

Press Release – Wednesday 22nd March 2017

A Few Words From... Kingsbridge Town Council

- The Kingsbridge Annual Town Meeting will take place in the Town Square on Saturday April 1st between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. A great opportunity to talk to your town councillors and let us have it!! And we would like to share with you the latest news including: Joint Local Plan proposals for new developments in town and entry into the Great British High Street competition.
- Friday March 31st is the deadline for Grant Aid bids where we fund local projects and it's also the cut-off for Kingsbridge Community Champions' nominations. Please check out our website at www.kingsbridge.gov.uk for information on both.
- Indeed, we have just introduced a new website which is less fussy and much easier to read than the former.
- The Town Council has recommended approval for 96 dwellings to the west of Belle Hill subject to a range of conditions relating to pollution, landscaping, highways, drainage and affordable housing matters; South Hams District Council as the local planning authority will make a decision in due course.
- For your information: the proposed K4 housing development off Derby Road (32 dwellings) will be received by a Planning Inspectorate Appeal later this month and a decision is awaited from the planning authority on the proposed Dennings development off Wallingford Road (26 dwellings). Both are seeking outline planning permission.
- A quality portable table tennis table has been purchased to be wheeled out on to the Bandstand during summer for you to enjoy.
- In the Recreation Ground we have installed new rubber matting under the swings, managed the installation of a new compost facility and a tarmac plinth will be installed shortly for a permanent outdoor table tennis table.
- In Embankment Road Cemetery tree surgery has taken place to bring views of the estuary into the cemetery, the stone flower beds are in the midst of a complete makeover and the damaged external wall will be repaired in early summer when it is better suited to work with lime mortar.
- In Duncombe Park the faded mural wall was beyond repainting so it is about to be skimmed over in preparation for a new mural this summer. We're on the lookout for great ideas which will appeal to young children so all budding artists should apply!
- We know the heritage style directions sign at the mouth of Fore Street Car Park is not looking great and it will receive a new lick of paint shortly.
- In Quay House grounds the muddy areas around the Trim Trail have also had rubber matting installed and the grass is already starting to grow through.
- Marker posts for the allotments site at Trebblepark have been purchased to be fixed soon.

- Along the Embankment footpath you will have noticed that we are extending the present run of festoon lights to the Memorial Shelter.
- Planning permission has been granted to develop a disability toilet in Quay House.
- We manage around 20 wooden public benches and 6 picnic tables at various locations in town. They do not like the autumn/winter months so will be cleaned and either re-oiled or repainted very soon.
- A new footpath has been installed opposite the Hospital to provide better access to/from the bus shelter. It looks really attractive and adds to the entrance to town as you drive down the A379. Check it out!
- The Kingsbridge Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan is at its final draft stage and about to go out to all sports and recreational groups in town. We need your comments so don't hold back when you receive it and tell us exactly what you think.
- We have just made a funding bid to Devon County Council to achieve a Town Council managed 'pot hole repair service'. Fingers crossed.
- Another funding bid has been successful in raising 50% of the cash to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign which will be placed at 5 known hot spots around town to alert drivers to the speed limit: Cookworthy Road, Duncombe Street, Embankment Road, Stentiford Hill and West Alvington Hill,
- The CCTV system is about to receive a major upgrade which will enhance community safety.
- We have successfully lobbied to have the town centre signposted from the bottom of Ilbert Road but we do not have a timescale at present.
- New 5-a-side goalposts for the Recreation Ground will be installed in April.
- Two damaged large wooden planters have been in a distressed state for some months along The Promenade. They are currently a Devon County Council asset and we are lobbying for action.
- Finally, and we've been around this buoy many times before, but cars and vans must not drive on to the pavement in Fore Street. If this practice continues the recently repaired paving slabs will crack again, create a trip hazard, and your family, friends and work colleagues will fall and hurt themselves. Just don't do it. Thank you.