



Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council Newsletter January 2024

Welcome to our latest newsletter, which features the work your Town Council has been doing as well as the amenities and events taking place in the community.

Happy New Year!



The Mayor and her consort Mr. Michael Rolfe would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.
Let's all strive together to make 2024 even better than 2023.
Mayor, Councillor Kate Rolfe

While the town and the lives of its residents have been impacted by the recent flooding, the new year has not gotten off to the best start, please see our post further down on how to obtain sandbags should you need them.

The coming year is not just a new chapter; it's a chance for us to grow, connect, and thrive together. In the spirit of collaboration, I encourage you to

engage with your local government, participate in community events and share your ideas for making Stratford-upon-Avon an even better place to live.

The Town Council is holding its Annual Meeting on the 7th March 2024 and residents are encouraged to attend. It is your chance to raise local issues that we may have the power to deal with. Rest assured that the Town Hall team is dedicated to serving you with transparency, efficiency and value for money.

Let us approach 2024 with a sense of optimism, kindness, and determination.

Together, we can create a year filled with accomplishments, shared successes and a thriving sense of community which all make Stratford-upon-Avon a special place to live, work and visit.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.
Caroline Nash, Town Clerk



Flood Advice

In the event of flooding within Stratford-upon-Avon town centre or within the town boundaries, empty sandbags and sand can be collected from the Cemetery Chapel, Evesham Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9AA.

They are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Please only take what you need.

The bags must be filled and moved at your own risk.

The Cemetery is open to the general public between:

8:00am - 7:30pm from 1 March - 30 September

8:00am - 4:30pm from 1 October - 28 February

For more advice on how to deal with flooding please visit:

<https://cswprepared.org.uk/hazard-advice/flooding/advice-during-flooding/>

Christmas Visits

During the festive period, the Mayor, Consort, Beadle and Civic Officer paid visits to the following places:

- Canning Court
- Tiddington Court
- Alveston Leys
- Trinity Manor
- Scholars Mews

- Stratford Bentley Nursing Home
- Margaret Court
- Holy Trinity Church, traditional carol service
- Holy Trinity Church, walk through carol service (Deputy Mayor)
- Stratford Police Station
- Stratford Fire Station
- Nicol Unit, Stratford Hospital
- Community Kitchen, Ken Kennett Centre

Christmas Visits 2023



ON THE 23RD OF DECEMBER 2023
THE CEDARS
AT ALVESTON LEYS
WAS PROUDLY DECLARED OPEN
BY THE MAYOR OF
STRATFORD UPON AVON
CLLR KATE ROLFE

Kate Rolfe



Warm Hubs

All warm hubs across the town offer free hot drinks and snacks, a chance to sit and relax, free activities as well as information on how to save on bills and places to go for advice and support:

Warm Hubs – Stratford upon Avon

Bishopton Social

Bishopton Community Centre, Drayton Avenue CV37 9PB
Mondays 10am-1pm

The Other Place

Southern Lane CV37 6BH
Every Tuesday 2-5pm
(7 November 2023 - 26 March 2024)

Stratford Town Football Club

Arden Garages Stadium, Knights Lane, Tiddington CV37 7BZ
Community Café
Wednesdays 10am-12noon

Stratford Library

Henley Street CV37 6PZ
Wednesdays 2-4pm
(general Library opening hours 9am-5pm Mon-Fri and 10am-3pm Sat)

Venture House

Avenue Farm Industrial Estate CV37 0HR

Warm Hub

Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm

Community Cafe

Fridays 10-11:30am

Clopton Connect

Ken Kennett Centre, Justins Avenue CV37 0DA
Fridays 1-3:30pm

Shakespeare Hospice

Day Hospice, The Shakespeare Hospice, Shottery CV37 9UL
Warm Hub
Fridays 1-3pm
(Up to 5th April – excluding 29th March)

Mayor's Engagements

Mayoral engagements attended by The Mayor during December 2023 include:

- Canning Court Christmas Lights Switch on
- Stratford Foodbank, food drive at Tesco
- SMTC Concert
- Stratford Rugby Club match and lunch
- Community Advent Carol Service
- Shakespeare Hospice and St Andrews Church
- James & the giant peach performance
- Victorian Christmas Market Opening

- Civic Heads Dinner
- Avon Bowls Club AGM
- Alveston School Fair
- Stratford Sports Club - fundraiser
- Orchestra of the Swan concern
- Holy Trinity Church, Christmas Carol Concert
- Holy Trinity Christmas Carol walk through event (Deputy Mayor)
- Chamber Music Society Concert
- Loan Agreement Signing with Shanghai Museum of Art and Culture, SBT (Deputy Mayor)

If you would like to request the Mayors attendance at an event please click on the link and complete the online form <https://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/the-mayor>

Once received we will check availability and contact you as soon as possible.



December 2023

Community Corner

Join us for a meal at our

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

At the Ken Kennett Centre,
Friday evenings



Food served 5 - 7 pm
Food by talented local volunteer cooks
Keeping food from landfill
Pay what you feel
Bring a bag/container to take home



Future Meetings

9 January - Planning Consultative Committee Meeting
16 January - Finance & Audit Committee Meeting
23 January - Civic Heritage & Events Committee Meeting
30 January - Town Council Meeting

Hire of the Town Hall



For your Weddings, Celebrations and Meetings
please call 01789 269332

or email info@stratford-tc.gov.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to our historic
Town Hall.



Get in touch

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our Newsletter, we would love to hear them. Please email us at info@stratford-tc.gov.uk. You can call us on 01789 269332.

If you would like to discuss an issue in your ward, or with a specific concern of the Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, you can reach out directly to a Councillor.



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